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HI-TECH TOLLS A SOLUTION TO CROSSING WOE

Pre-paid tags way to ease Dartford jams

TECHNOLOGY pioneered on Australia's busiest roads could be the saving grace for motorists long fed up with massive queues at the Dartford crossing.

Junior transport minister Mike Penning has admitted the Government will consider the use of 'electronic tolling' to charge drivers, which would lead to the removal of the existing barriers and thus a reduction in traffic congestion.

The E-Toll system is already used in several countries, including Australia, where motorway sensors are used to detect pre-paid tags attached to the inside of road-users' windscreens.

Responding to a question in the Commons about congestion at the Dartford crossing, Mr Penning said the tolls were necessary to help the Government out of its current financial predicament.

He said: "The £40 million net we recover from the crossing is a significant income, but we need to consider technology that is being used in other parts of the world – particularly in Australia – so we can remove the barriers

EXCLUSIVE

By STEVE KNIGHT

and increase the speed at which traffic comes through while also picking up the revenue that the country desperately needs."

The crossing that links Kent with Essex consists of the north-bound Dartford Tunnel and south-bound Queen Elizabeth II Bridge, forming a link in the M25 motorway that carries about 150,000 vehicles a day.

Due to exhaust fumes from the seemingly endless traffic queues at the tolls, the surrounding area is one of the worst in Kent in terms of air pollution.

Motorists who regularly use the crossing have long since benefited from cheaper tolls using the pre-paid DART-Tag service, but even they have to stop at the barriers.

Kent Green Party spokesman Steve Dawe said: "Clearly there would be less pollution if the traffic at the Dartford crossing was free-moving, but we need to tackle the volume of traffic as well.

"We've let travelling by car become too cheap a convenience and now we're trying to pick up

the pieces. The electronic tolls are a good idea, but we also need them in other areas of Kent that are also prone to congestion."

When the QEII Bridge was built in 1991, the Conservative government of the time promised motorists they would no longer be charged to cross the Thames once the cost of the construction had been met.

However, the tolls remained once the debt was cleared in 2003, and in late 2008 road-users were even hit with increased charges at certain times of the day.

Motorists feared even steeper charges when the previous Labour government announced last October that it planned to sell the crossing off to a third-party company.

The proposals have not been dropped by the Con-Lib coalition, nor were they mentioned in this week's Budget.

Dartford Tory MP Gareth Johnson said that while he would welcome the removal of the barriers at the crossing, he would still prefer to see the tolls scrapped altogether.

"I would like to see them abolished in their entirety," he said. "We were promised they would go once the bridge was paid for, so they are an unfair expense for motorists. But

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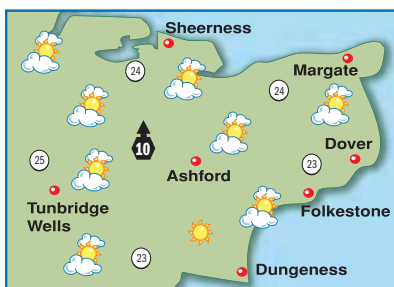
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Kent today



TODAY: A fine day, as it will be dry with mostly clear blue skies and little in the way of cloud. There will be a light southerly breeze. Another warm day. Max temp 23-26C (73-79F). **TONIGHT:** Staying dry into the evening with clear spells after dark. Very mild. Min temp 13-16C (55-61F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	20	68	London	sun	28	82
Belfast	thunder	20	68	Liverpool	fair	21	70
Birmingham	fair	26	79	Manchester	fair	24	75
B' mouth	sun	25	77	Newcastle	fair	23	73
Bristol	sun	20	68	Norwich	sun	23	73
Cardiff	sun	22	72	Oxford	sun	27	81
Cork	showers	18	64	Southsea	sun	24	75
Edinburgh	cloudy	21	70	S'hampton	sun	24	75
Glasgow	cloudy	20	68	Southport	fair	21	70
Isle of Man	fair	17	63	Swansea	fair	19	66
Leeds	fair	24	75	Torquay	sun	22	72

Sun & moon

Sunrise	4.39am	Sunset	9.18pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	10.02pm	Moonset	5.25am	9.18pm to 4.39am

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Margate	01.09 4.5 13.23 4.5	01.50 4.5 14.00 4.5
St Mary's	06.03 5.1 18.21 5.3	06.42 5.1 18.59 5.3

Week ahead

monday Dry and sunny. max 25C min 12C	thursday Rather cloudy. max 24C min 16C
tuesday Warm and fine. max 24C min 13C	friday Showers. max 24C min 13C
wednesday Sunny periods. max 23C min 13C	saturday Variable cloud. max 22C min 14C

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Germans relish pitch battle against the old enemy (but it's not us)

GERMAN football supporters in Kent are looking forward to locking horns with their old enemy in the World Cup – but they're not talking about England, *writes Steve Knight.*

While fans of the Three Lions will never forget the highs and lows associated with playing Germany over the years, their opponents view the Netherlands as their biggest rival.

Many German expats living in Greenhithe and Tunbridge Wells would relish the possibility of a World Cup final clash against the Dutch on July 11.

But first they must get past Fabio Capello's men in this afternoon's mouth-watering second round clash.

Christian Geis, 53, grew up in the north-west German city of Oldenburg but now lives in Greenhithe.

He said: "It's great that we'll be playing England and it will be a very exciting game that we will win on penalties. The teams are nearly equal, so we will need a little bit of luck. A few of my friends are hoping to watch the game at The Bull in Greenhithe, so there

will be about eight Germans and 400 England fans there."

In the World Cup semi-finals at Italia 90 Germany knocked out England on penalties, a feat they repeated in the Euro 96 semi-finals at Wembley. Mr Geis, who works for the Erith-based insolvency firm Insolvenz

Agentur, said he believed Germany and England had a "friendly rivalry", while Germany's relationship with the Netherlands was far more hostile. The animosity between the two stems from the Nazi occupation during World War Two, but their football teams have also been involved in heated matches over the years.

"I was in the Netherlands for the European Championships in 1988," said Mr Geis. "I felt so much hatred against the Germans, but I never really knew why. I was surprised by it."

After the game Dutch player Ronald Koeman pretended to wipe his bottom with Olaf Thon's German shirt. Regardless of how German fans view this afternoon's clash,

English supporters will be dancing in the streets if they get one over on the team coached by Joachim Loew.

The last time the two sides met in a competitive fixture was in September, 2001, when a Michael Owen hat-trick helped England to a famous 5-1 away victory in a World Cup qualifier. Dover residents will be particularly pleased to watch the game, as the giant video screen in Market Square will be put back to good use after council chiefs refused to broadcast the Slovenia match.

A statement on the council's website read: "Following a multi-agency meeting and concerns which were identified, a decision was reluctantly taken not to screen the Wednesday afternoon match due to the disruption essential safety measures could have caused to local businesses and residents. The England match on June 27, and other World Cup matches, will continue to be screened and safety measures, including some road closures and event marshalling, will continue to be put in place where appropriate."



WAYNE ROONEY



PHILIPP LAHM

Picture: STEVE HAAG

Picture: STUART FRANKLIN

E-Toll tags proposed for crossing bottleneck

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measures like electronic tolling would help free up congestion at the crossing so it has to be a welcome thing.

"At the moment the tolls act as a bottleneck for traffic and are acting as a literal roadblock for any kind of innovation or improved transport links in the area."

The Dartford crossing is regularly used by more than four million motorists a month, paying a total of more than £6m per month in tolls including abnormal load charges that normally exceed £20,000.

Gordon Telling, of the Tunbridge Wells-based Freight Transport Association, said that while he agreed traffic was a problem

at the crossing, he had questions about who would pay for such an E-Toll system and how it would work with foreign lorry drivers.

He added: "They should get rid of the south-bound barriers for vehicles travelling over the bridge because they're really slowing the traffic down."

"The north-bound barriers do serve a purpose because you would want to control the traffic if there was a fire or accident in the tunnel. But perhaps an overhead gantry with four red crosses would do the same job."

Department for Transport spokesman confirmed it was looking into new methods of charging motorists.

He said: "This Government recognises the importance of the Dartford crossing as a vital transport link for the national and South East economies."

"It has and continues to bring huge benefits, which is why there is such a demand to use it."

"Work is being done to assess whether the use of modern charging technology could help to reduce congestion at the crossing, and we will need to be clear of the potential costs, benefits and impacts of such proposals."

"However, the Government's financial position makes it challenging to implement measures that cost money."

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KOS Media – publisher of the award-winning Kent on Sunday newspaper – has been acquired by the Archant Regional media group.

Archant Regional is the UK's largest independently-owned regional media business, with four daily regional newspapers and about 60 weekly titles, with a combined circulation of 2.25 million copies every week.

It has been a minority shareholder in KOS Media since 2005 and Archant's London division publishes 21 weekly newspapers across London and Kent, including the Kentish Times series, which includes the Gravesend Reporter, Dartford Times, Bromley Times and Bexley Times.

Portfolio

KOS Media launched in 2002 and its portfolio includes the Yourlocal series as well as Kent on Sunday, Kent on Saturday and weekend newspapers in Tunbridge Wells and west Kent, and associated websites.

Archant chief executive Adrian Jeakings said: "We are delighted to bring KOS Media fully into our portfolio of regional titles.

"This acquisition strengthens Archant's presence in Kent and provides a springboard for further investment.

"We look forward to working with KOS Media managing director Paul Stannard and his team to develop this vibrant business."

Mr Stannard said: "I am delighted



NEW DEAL: Adrian Jeakings, left, Archant Regional chief executive, with KOS Media managing director Paul Stannard

Archant has taken on full ownership of KOS Media. We will benefit from ownership by a large, well financed, independent group with ambitious plans to grow the business."

In 2005, Kent on Sunday was the first and only free newspaper to win the overall UK Regional Newspaper of the Year award.

Kent on Saturday, its sister title, was launched in 2005. KOS Media was the first regional media company in the UK to offer an app for the iPhone. The free Kent News app includes full search facilities as well as the kentnews.co.uk websites and page-turning e-editions, all in one application.

The company pioneered page-turning regional e-papers in the UK with a total of 188,123 subscriber emails and independent click-throughs via the websites to these e-editions every week.

This database is growing at a rate of more than 1,000 a month. KOS Media has a total audience in excess of 500,000 readers per week, according to latest independent market research.

Launch

Recent independent audits of its newspapers and websites showed a reach of more than one third of all adults in Kent.

KOS Media will launch its multi-platform iPad application in July, alongside its existing successful iPhone app, which will have daily news and sports coverage, jobs, property and motors, which all come with their own unique search engine in a web-site format.

Mr Stannard said: "KOS Media looks forward to working further with its readers and advertisers right across the county to develop, innovate and invest in Kent's future, prosperity and success."

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No hosepipe ban

THERE is unlikely to be a hosepipe in Kent this summer – despite warnings of water shortages in other parts of the country.

Southern Water says its four above-ground reservoirs are close to full, with levels higher than this time last year. The latest figures show Powdermill is full, Bewl is at 86 per cent, Weir Wood 88, and Darwell 92.

A spokesman said: "We don't anticipate the need for a hosepipe ban – as long as people continue to use water wisely."

Groundwater levels are also above average for this time of year.

Reservoir levels are updated weekly at www.southernwater.co.uk/waterresources.

MAGISTRATES' courts in Ashford and Sittingbourne are earmarked for closure as part of a money-saving exercise by the Ministry of Justice.

The county courts of Ashford and Gravesend also face the axe, along with more than 150 others throughout the country. Closing them will save the Government £15 million a year in running costs, plus an extra £22m in maintenance.

Justice Secretary Ken Clarke also announced there will be a review in the autumn of the £2 billion legal aid bill.

Farm boy Ewan saves the day – no strings attached

IT'S DOWN to handsome Chris, the orphan farmer from Kent, to save Britain from invading Nazis – and he's a puppet.

That's the storyline for a new Thunderbirds-style movie featuring the voice of Star Wars heart-throb Ewan McGregor as Chris and Bond girl Rosamund Pike as his girlfriend, Daisy.

Shot along the lines of South Park off-spin Team America, but without the swearing, sex and un-PC dialogue, Jackboots On Whitehall is released in a few months.

It's the work of brothers Edward and Rory McHenry, who wrote and directed the wartime film which spoofs many movie classics.

They change history and show German tanks arriving via the Underground and soon the swastika is flying over Buckingham Palace.

Chris is determined to fend them off and goes to London by steam train to take Winston Churchill to the safety of a place called Scot Land.

The film is voiced by stars including Richard E Grant, Timothy Spall, Tom Wilkinson, Alan Cumming, Richard Griffiths, Richard O'Brien, Pam Ferris, Stephen Merchant and Hugh Fraser.

Producer Karl Richards said: "This is a World War Two satirical comedy with puppets. The Nazis take over London and Churchill's only means of survival is a



Picture: NICOLAS GENIN

LOOKS FAMILIAR: Ewan McGregor voices the part of Kentish farm boy Chris, left

young farmer from Kent called Chris."

Director Rory said: "Chris is the lead, played by Ewan McGregor. A comedy epic is the best way to describe it, with puppets and miniatures. So it's a lot of fun, cool toys we got to play with."

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Be careful, breakaway 'free schools' warned

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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"EXTREME caution" must be exercised by schools considering breaking away from local authority control, Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter has warned.

This week the National Grammar Schools Association (NGSA) advised headteachers not to apply for academy status due to concerns that doing so could result in them losing the right to select pupils by ability.

An "urgent statement" issued by the group on Wednesday warned that under current proposals governors would not need to hold a parental ballot before turning their schools into comprehensives.

They fear if grammars take up Education Secretary Michael Gove's flagship policy of choosing academy status and opting out of council control, a small group of governors could turn the school into a comprehensive without the current requirement to ballot parents.

But Cllr Carter said heads of all types of schools needed to think carefully before deciding whether to sign up to the coalition Government's new 'free schools' agenda.

"I think extreme caution is needed," he said. "At the moment there's very little detail about what it will mean for individual schools, what responsibilities they will be



MICHAEL GOVE: Flagship schools policy

expected to take on and how much money will follow. I've been speaking to all the headteachers in Kent and have been saying, let's have a measured reflection as the detail emerges before deciding which way to jump.

"I think the grammar school arrangements have been around for some time and there's never really been any problem with them.

"We need as diverse a range of schools in Kent as possible so they provide choice and are fit and appropriate for the ambitions of the children who will attend them."

All state schools in England have been invited by Mr Gove to become academies free from local authority control, giving head-

teachers more control over issues such as funding and staffing. Kent and Medway have more grammar schools than any other county in the UK with 39, but the NGSA is concerned this may not always be the case.

A statement on the group's website read: "We strongly advise governors and headteachers to be extremely cautious. At present there are fears academies may not be legally defined as 'maintained' schools, in which case they may lose the statutory protection of requiring a parental ballot before they are turned into comprehensive schools.

"There may be other covert dangers and until everything is made clear in the area of legislation and elsewhere, we strongly recommend extreme caution."

During the General Election campaign, Cllr Carter voiced concerns in a radio interview about how the free schools policy could hit local authority funding, before backtracking when rumours of a political split made the national press.

He told KOS Media afterwards: "There's never been any disagreement whatsoever about the Conservative position or mine, in that we both support the free school philosophy. But as and when free schools are introduced we've got to make sure there's fair funding between the schools and that it's not skewed, and Michael Gove has said that too.

"We need to get the ground rules right."



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Planning demand

ALL 13 council leaders in Kent have united to demand legislation to end the practice of people building without planning permission – and they have gypsies and travellers in their sights.

In a letter to planning policy minister and Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, they call on the Government to introduce a new offence.

Canterbury City Council leader Cllr John Gilbey said: "The ability to gain consent after construction has begun or is completed is simply providing applicants with the opportunity to avoid the planning process."

In their letter, the leaders write: "Planning authorities are hampered ... due to the policy position that has emerged over the past 13 years concerning such types of development, particularly by gypsy and traveller groups.

"While the needs of these groups must be addressed, current policy presumptions weigh against what is acceptable and explainable to local communities."

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Chip and pin gang leader jailed

A CHIP and pin fraudster has been jailed for four-and-a-half years after being caught with thousands of skimmed credit card details.

Theogenes De Montford, of Hayes, west London, was found with 35,000 account numbers, 7,000 of which were stolen from customers at the Shell garage at Blue Bell Hill, Maidstone.

The Sri Lanka-born 29-year-old at the heart of a card-cloning gang was sentenced at Southwark Crown Court on Monday.

The court heard how De Montford, who came to the UK in 2001, cloned thousands of credit cards by inserting devices into machines at petrol stations across the country. If £1,000 was stolen from each card, the gang could have raked in £35 million.

Our sister paper YourMedway revealed De Montford's hi-tech scam in April, last year, after motorists who had fallen victim set up an online campaign group.

Boycott

The Boycott Bluebell Hill Shell – Unless You Want Your Card Cloned! Facebook group attracted more than 700 members.

On the message board, Richard Ingram wrote: "My card was cloned and they tried to use it in Australia over three days. The only place I used my card was that garage. I reported it to the police [who'd] had three similar complaints that day."

David Geoghegan wrote: "I used the garage on April 3. An hour later my card was used to draw money from an ATM in Canada."

Claire Preston wrote: "Nationwide called us saying someone tried using our details in



SKIMMED: Blue Bell Hill's Shell garage

Thailand. Guess where we used our card a couple of weeks ago for the first time? Blue Bell Hill petrol station."

Garage franchise owner Amrik Kalsi told the court business dropped by half during the two months the scam was being operated under his nose and that he suffered "regular verbal abuse" from drivers.

The prosecution said De Montford and other gang members, including some he recruited, would modify card readers by inserting a gadget that stored and transmitted data from legitimate cards. Cloned cards could then be used across the globe.

De Montford pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to possess articles for use in the course of fraud. He will be deported at the end of his sentence.

Three other gang members were last week each found guilty of conspiracy to defraud and sentenced to three-and-a-half years.

Rashid Hassan, 26, of Anerley; Usman Mahmood, 26, of Streatham; and Rajakumar Thevathasan, 34, of Wimbledon, all played lesser roles in the scam, the court heard.

Marsh airport decision gets public inquiry

THE decision to approve a runway extension and new terminal building at Lydd Airport on Romney Marsh is to be scrutinised at a public inquiry. Shepway council's backing of the plans was called in by Communities Secretary Eric Pickles.

Natural England lodged an appeal against Shepway's decision in March, when councillors voted 27-12 in favour, overriding the advice of the conservation body and their own planning officers. Airport operators claim the £25 million scheme could create up to 500 jobs.

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THE INTERVIEW



BY JANE CONNOLLY

So thoroughly modern with KC's millinery

AMATEUR milliner KC Lake has gone straight to the bare bones of the matter with her latest piece.

Although she has been making hats for less than a year, her striking creation, Gallus Gallus, has been chosen to appear in a special exhibition at the Hat Works museum in Stockport.

The theme of the brief was local market-places and Lake found her inspiration in her hometown of Tunbridge Wells.

"I go to the market every second Saturday of the month and a few times they have had chickens in cages," she said.

"It's drawn from that and also because Tunbridge Wells is located on top of sandstone, which reflects the colours. I also looked at the shape of the town's coat of arms."

Her decision to use chicken bones as her main decoration was an unusual one, but it has certainly made an impression.

"When I was constructing the piece, one of my fellow students on the millinery course was a vegetarian and they were not really down with the idea," she said.

"I asked colleagues to bring in the leftover carcasses from their Sunday roast and they found it unusual. But people who know me know that I tend to go against the grain."

"I didn't want to work with feathers and sequins, I wanted to do something different."

"I thought about being eco-friendly – though not with materials that I would have to buy – and turning these things into something really beautiful."

"That's the philosophy I try to stick to."

Lake, 33, was already working in a creative field as a designer when she decided to try her hand at millinery, after experimenting with various fashion crafts.

She took a nine-week course at the London College of Fashion and has now arranged an attachment with a London milliner.

"I tried lots of different things, but this seems to come with such ease and the small successes I've had have been encouraging," she said.

"I entered the Hat Works competition thinking that if I did get accepted, it was a sign that perhaps I was in the right place and should invest some time in the hobby."

"I've always wanted to be good at a trade and this is one thing I could do forever. Also, my great-aunt was a milliner, which I didn't know before."

Originally from Australia, Lake was living in London when she first visited friends in Tunbridge Wells and decided to move out of the capital. Although she still works in the city, she hopes to expand her activities as a milliner.

"If I could just spend my days in my studio making hats, that would be bliss. I would love to do more commissions and have a small range of hats in local shops."

"But I wouldn't want to make the same hat over and over again. It's just about having bespoke pieces that people can treasure and that might almost become an heirloom."

KC Lake can be found on Facebook under the name Mimesis KC.



BARE BONES:
Lake models her chicken bone hat

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'Afraid of a fox cub – what is this country coming to?'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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PARENTS afraid that foxes will attack their children have been described as "pathetic wimps" by an urban wildlife expert.

John Bryant, who runs The Fox Project in Tonbridge, and provides 'humane wildlife deterrence', said fear of the animals was unfounded.

He spoke out after a three-year-old was bitten by a fox as he played outside a pre-school playgroup in Brighton last Saturday.

It was reported the boy tried to stroke the animal when it turned on him.

It comes just weeks after sleeping nine-month-old twins Isabella and Lola Koupparis were attacked after a fox entered their bedroom in Hackney.

Mr Bryant said after the incident parents had contacted him to say they were now afraid to let their children play outside because they knew there were foxes in the area.

He said: "The fact the Daily Telegraph covered the story for five days in a row shows how rare it is. Rather than a reason to be suddenly afraid of foxes, it should be reassurance.

"You hear about parents who have stopped their children going out, it is pathetic.

"I do not know what has happened to this country, we are becoming a lot of pathetic wimps afraid of a four-month-old fox cub no bigger than a normal cat.

"In other countries they worry about alliga-



SCAREMONGERING: Expert says fears of fox attacks are unwarranted

Picture: G DALLMORE

tors or tigers taking children... but it is all part of the health and safety culture."

Mr Bryant, who has been involved in animal protection work since he saw an RSPCA leaflet on factory farming in the 1960s, said while the fox population was not increasing, the animals were getting bolder.

"As more people feed them they are always going to associate people with food," he said.

"If the back door is left open why would they not come in if they can smell cat food or human food?"

He believes the Hackney fox, which he said would have been a four-month-old cub, attacked the twin girls because it was attracted by the smell of food, their nappies or milk.

The animal's 'grab and go' instinct would then have caused it to try to snatch what it believed to be food.

"Strange thing happen in nature, every animal is different," he said.

"What I have been saying to people who say

'I cannot let the children out I'm frightened' is 'have you stopped using taxis?' I say 'if you wanted would you still use a taxi? And they say 'yes' and then I say 'well a taxi driver killed 12 people in Dorset'. It is a one off."

After the three-year-old was bitten in the latest incident, Mr Bryant said the school had been in touch to ask him for advice.

He said: "My motto is if you don't want foxes, tell them. If you see them in the garden squirt water at them every time and they will learn your garden is not friendly.

"The average pair of foxes has a territory of at least 250 gardens so they have plenty of places to choose from.

"Recognise the big attractions – if you have a pond you will have foxes because they need to drink like us.

"They like compost areas where foxes dig holes for grubs and bugs and if you have fruit trees pick up the fruit if it falls because foxes are big fruit eaters."

Widow 'to sue' after ice death

THE devastated widow of a pensioner who died after slipping on ice in an ungritted council-run car park at Christmas said she is considering taking legal action against the authority.

Jo Sloover made the remark outside County Hall, Maidstone, following an inquest into her husband Peter's death.

The court heard how Mr Sloover, 65, of Wyvill Close, Rainham, lost his footing in the Cricketers car park in Rainham on Tuesday, December 22, last year.

The teaching assessor suffered multiple skull fractures, brain swelling and internal bleeding. He died on Boxing Day.

Eye-witness Ian Ellis told the court how Mr Sloover was unable to stop himself from falling on the treacherous ice.

He said: "There was two-and-a-half inches of solid ice all over the car park. He was walking gingerly and obviously aware of the conditions but he just went. There was nothing he could do. There was no grit on the ice at all."

Priorities

Medway Council head of highways, Phil Moore, offered his condolences to Mr Sloover's family but defended the gritting policy.

He said: "Our first priority is to keep main routes open, such as the A2 and the A228. Secondary routes include bus routes, access to schools and major shopping centres.

"The remaining roads we cover are residential and have no through routes.

"Below that are footpaths and town centres and almost the lowest are car parks. Our aim is keeping movement in, out and through the Medway towns, which is essential for emergency services."

Mr Moore said the car park was gritted after Mr Sloover's fatal fall following a formal request from the ambulance service.

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Booze cruise on the rocks

By **NICK AMES**

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CHEAP UK supermarket drink deals and the strength of the euro could finally sink the Great British booze cruise.

Major British retailers are closing their premises in northern France, according to sources in Calais, as it appears UK shoppers no longer regard catching the ferry across the Channel to stock up on wine and beer as a cheap option.

Workers at Tesco have just been told the store could close, Sainsbury's is to shut down soon, while Oddbins has already gone.

Strong euro forcing UK shoppers to stock up on drinks elsewhere

The spending power of the pound has dropped by a quarter in the last three years, and with many supermarkets in the UK offering cheap alcohol, the bargain stores are losing their cost-cutting appeal.

The recession has also meant less disposable income for many people – another factor in the decline in sales say the stores.

The outlets say business was slow in the run-up to last Christmas, traditionally one of the busiest periods of the year.

And business has failed to pick up during

spring and the early months of the summer.

According to The Grocer magazine staff at Tesco Vin Plus in Calais have been consulted over a closure, while Sainsbury's is to shut down its Calais Wine Store at the end of the month after describing its partnership with the French retailer Auchan as no longer economically viable.

Oddbins Calais closed earlier this year and the company said its franchise agreement had come to an end.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's and Auchan said: "We have made the difficult decision to close Sainsbury's Calais."

"Thirteen colleagues have been informed their jobs are at risk and will be offered redeployment opportunities."

Another major retailer, Majestic Wine, blamed the relative strength of the euro for a 28 per cent fall in sales for the year to the end of March in its three northern France stores.

However, it said it would stay in France, claiming the difference in duty was still wide enough to make a difference.

And Luis Da Silva, manager of the East-Enders shop in Calais, said: "We are dead here. There are still some excellent deals, far better than you could get in Britain, but the perception is that it's not worth the money because the savings are not as great as they were a few years ago."

Over recent months Calais has started to broaden its appeal to UK visitors by



PROFITS DOWN: French supermarkets are struggling as British day trippers stay away

emphasising quality stores, seasonal attractions and its destination as a historic town.

Ferry companies, however, remain buoyant about the future and say travel to France is still popular, and shopping for duty free goods on board ship increasingly so.

Brian Rees, P&O spokesman, said: "The traditional day trip as people remember it belongs to a different era."

"If people think the ferry industry is still about that, they don't understand it. These days it's about overnight trips, short breaks, and longer stay visits by people in their own cars who are inclined to roam further afield."

"The reason people go to France is to visit France, first and foremost."

"They're not that interested in the big drinks outlets so much, particularly all the while the euro is fairly strong, so they might or might not do some shopping."

"They're more likely to head for their favorite French restaurant and spend their money there, as French restaurants still offer exceptional value."

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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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POLITICAL leaders need our prayers during times of social and economic crisis, says the new Bishop of Rochester.

The Right Reverend James Langstaff, 53, was unveiled as Dr Michael Nazir-Ali's successor for the diocese on Tuesday, and immediately set out his plan to bring the people living in it closer together.

He said: "The Church of England has the opportunity to relate to society at all levels because it is rooted in every neighbourhood and engages with people each and every year.

"I would like to see local churches respond to what's going on around them and to be in touch with the concerns of its people, including politicians, and really be part of the fabric of society.

"I think we all have a responsibility to pray for and support these people, as well as be openly critical of them when the need arises."

For the past six years the Rt Rev Langstaff has served as the Suffragan Bishop of Lynn, in Norwich, having spent the previous 18 years in the diocese of Birmingham.

The father-of-two will start in Kent at a date to be confirmed later this year, and will represent about 1.2 million people living in a region that includes Bexley, Bromley, Medway, Gravesham, Dartford and most of the west of the county.

He was officially unveiled at Bromley's Bishop Justus Church of England School – named after the first Bishop of Rochester who received the title in AD604 – on Tuesday, before going on a tour of the diocese which concluded at Rochester Cathedral.

The Rt Rev Langstaff is the 107th bishop. He said: "It would be presumptuous of me to say I know what the particular challenges are in this part of the world, but those who have chosen me clearly think I may

Bishop asks us to say a prayer for politicians

have something that's worth bringing here.

"For instance, I have an awareness of quite a lot of issues that arise in rural areas as well as more than 20 years' experience in social and affordable housing, which is a particular passion of mine.

"But it's going to be a time for listening and learning and it's a huge privilege to build on the foundations that others have laid and to see what part I will play in that continuing story."

The Rt Rev Langstaff's predecessor Dr Nazir-Ali, who retired last September, was a controversial figure in the Church of England due to his outspoken views on a range of subjects.

Tight-lipped

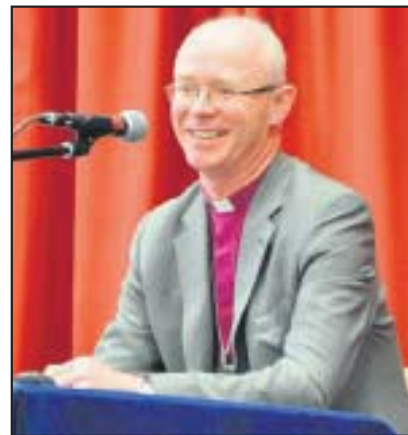
These include calling for gay Christians to "repent and change" and warning that some communities in the UK have become "no-go areas" for non-Muslims – a statement he received death threats about.

When asked if he shared the same views as Dr Nazir-Ali, the Rt Rev Langstaff remained tight-lipped.

"I have other passions," he said. "I do have my views on those subjects, but I'm not going to stand on a public platform and

share them with anybody until I know a lot more about the people I represent.

"It's important to know what their thoughts and concerns are first."



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SERMON: New Bishop of Rochester the Right Reverend James Langstaff speaks in Bromley

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Thanksgiving for fine Kent editor

A SERVICE of thanksgiving has been held for the life of former newspaper editor Jim Grove.

The service last Friday at St Lawrence the Martyr Church in Godmersham, followed the death last month of Mr Grove, 61, after a long illness.

Mr Grove started his career in journalism as a photographer on the East Kent Times, but soon switched to reporting. He rose through the profession in Kent and was group editor of the Adscene series for eight years.

It was at Adscene that Mr Grove met Sandy, who became his wife after a 12-year courtship.

He was a renowned workaholic, always had a ready quip, and was known for nurturing young talent in the newsroom.

Later he worked on social services, education and environment publications for Kent County Council, and also for East Kent Health Authority.

As a freelance reporter, Mr Grove's articles appeared in the early editions of Kent on Sunday, and he wrote the Kent Remembered column for some years.

Before his death, Mr Grove had written three-quarters of a novel, Boys Town.

Though it remains unfinished, he left a synopsis so no-one else could write the final chapters with a different ending to the one planned.

KoS editor Ian Patel said: "Jim was a big help to me in the early days of Kent on Sunday.

"The experience and enthusiasm he brought to the task were assets it would have been difficult to manage without. I shall always be grateful for what he did in those days."

Mr Grove leaves a widow, Sandy, and a son Gavin, 42, who lives in Northampton.



Jim Grove

MEP Farage back in thick of things after his close call



RETURN: Nigel Farage

By STEVE KNIGHT

PLANE crash survivor Nigel Farage is back in the European Parliament after spending six weeks recovering from his near-fatal accident.

The Kent MEP and former UK Independence Party (Ukip) leader suffered two broken ribs, a chipped spine and damage to his sternum in the incident, which happened on the day of the General Election when the light aircraft he was travelling in nosedived at an airfield near Brackley, Northants.

Mr Farage, who grew up in Bromley, but now lives in Westerham, was therefore unable to attend the Buckingham count that saw him fail in his quest to overthrow current House of Commons speaker John Bercow.

However, the 46-year-old returned to Brussels last week and told KOS Media he was glad to be back in the thick of the action.

"I'm not the sort of person who likes sitting around watching the telly all day," he said. "So it was deeply frustrating not being able to get involved in anything.

"I've felt remarkably better over the last couple of weeks though, and the doctors tell me I've made a rapid recovery. I'm not about

to go on a cross-country run or anything, but I'm well enough to go back to work."

Last month Mr Farage told KOS Media he feared being burned to death following the crash, which happened when a Ukip banner attached to the plane became entangled around the tail, forcing it to nosedive.

His subsequent spell in hospital coincided with one of the most memorable weeks in UK political history, with Gordon Brown resigning as Prime Minister to make way for David Cameron and the new Con-Lib coalition.

Worthless

Notorious for his scathing criticism of most of his fellow politicians, Mr Farage was surprisingly complimentary of how well the Cameron-Clegg partnership has fared thus far.

He said: "The coalition government's biggest job is to work out how to move the economy forward, and on the face of it I think they've made a good start.

"I thought [Chancellor] George Osborne's Mansion House speech was very good and I absolutely agree with giving banking regulations back to the Bank of England. I'm also

pleased to see they're showing some courage in making cuts.

"However, there is a third partner in this marriage and that is the European institutions. Whatever happens with the banking regulations in the UK, if this is superseded at a European level – which is likely – then it will all be worthless."

Mr Farage was a founding member of Ukip in 1993, and also the first man to represent the party at the polls when he failed to win the Hampshire seat of Eastleigh in a 1994 by-election. He was elected party leader in 2006, but stepped down last year so he could concentrate on his battle with Mr Bercow, which saw him finish in third place with 17.4 per cent of the vote.

Despite the setback, Mr Farage said he was looking forward to Ukip strengthening itself in preparation for this year's local elections.

He said: "The general election was a mixed bag for Ukip. The first-past-the-post system is tough for us, but we increased our share of the vote, which was a good positive for us to take from the night. We're now in the process of finding the right candidates and targeting the right areas for the local elections.

"It's early days, but I would expect a substantial number of those to be in Kent."

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TRANSPORT chiefs have gone ahead with plans to auction off the £1.5 billion-valued High Speed 1 rail network, *writes Steve Knight.*

Interested parties have been asked to enter bids for the 68-mile line, which links London with the Channel Tunnel and is the first of the Government's assets to be offloaded in an attempt to tackle the UK's £167bn debt burden.

The sale also includes the high-speed stations at Ashford and Ebbsfleet, as well as St Pancras International and Stratford in north-east London.

Announcing the sale on Monday, Transport Secretary Philip Hammond said: "The money generated by this sale will make an early significant contribution to the crucial task of reducing the public sector debt."

"That's good news for the taxpayer. But the sale will also bring benefits to passengers as the successful private bidder will be incentivised to attract new operators serving new routes. This is part of the Government's approach to making our national assets – and every taxpayer pound – work harder."

"The Government does not have to run everything directly. We need to take action where private enterprise can provide both a better deal and a superior service to the public."

The sale was first proposed last October by then-Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who promised to offload a portfolio of "non-financial assets" over the next two years in an attempt to raise £16bn.

Rubbish

Channel Tunnel operator Eurotunnel is thought to be one of the main contenders to purchase the network as part of a consortium with Goldman Infrastructure Partners and the investment house M&G.

North Thanet MP Roger Gale said the Government should concentrate on fixing the problems caused by HS1 first rather than finding a new owner for it.

"High Speed 1 is being used by a very limited number of passengers while the classic services are now overcrowded," he added.

"I can't see how this sale can succeed in the interests of the travelling public and I'm concerned about the people who have to use the trains every day because at the moment they're receiving a rubbish service."

"I think a better way would be to offload the whole franchise to somebody other than Southeastern, as they're clearly not meeting customer demand."

While the new owner of the line will have responsibility for car parking charges and the St Pancras retail estate, it will have no power to charge train operators more for using the line.

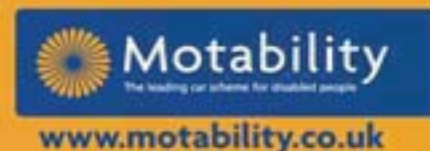
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OFFICERS who failed to properly check an obese man's condition just hours before he died have been reprimanded by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

The two PCs who found 31-year-old mental health patient Christian Koopmann snoring in his Ramsgate flat have received official "words of advice" because they did not place him in the recovery position and assumed he was sleeping off a heavy drinking session.

A written warning has also been issued to their acting sergeant for failing to instruct the control room and his officers appropriately. Mr Koopmann, who had earlier dialled 999 and threatened to "top himself", died of a heart attack after the officers had left his flat, on Sunday, January 5, 2008.

He had been suffering from heart disease caused by obesity and was discovered the next morning by mental health workers.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "As has been detailed during the inquest, this incident presented officers with a difficult set of circumstances and decisions were made in good faith based on the information available at the time."

"As a force we prepare as best we can for the challenges and sensitivities which can occur when dealing with people with mental health issues. This case was referred to the

PCs reprimanded after man's death

IPCC, as is standard practice when there is a death after someone has had contact with the police."

Officers attended Mr Koopmann's flat after the initial 999 call, but were verbally abused by him before he fell asleep on the sofa.

They left, but asked a neighbour to let

them know if he heard anything untoward, and also arranged for a welfare check later that evening.

The IPCC concluded that on this occasion the officers maintained a professional approach and displayed good practice.

However, the commission was less than

ACTING Chief Constable Adrian Leppard, pictured right, visited Downing Street to discuss plans for directly elected police commissioners.

Mr Leppard was one of more than 40 high-ranking officers who met Prime Minister David Cameron and Home Secretary Theresa May on Monday.

The meeting was not thought to have been attended by Kent's new Chief Constable Ian Leamonth, who left Norfolk Police last week and takes up his new post on July 5.

Plans for directly elected commissioners to oversee the running of police forces have caused concern in some quarters.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes spoke out against the proposals last month, saying she feared such commissioners would be politically motivated.

Mr Leppard declined to comment on the



Downing Street discussions.

However, Sir Hugh Orde – president of the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo) – described it as a "positive and constructive meeting".

He added: "It was to discuss a range of policing issues including the Government's agenda to enhance local accountability and drive value for money ahead of the Acpo conference next week."

"More discussion and work will continue in the coming weeks and months."

"Ministers and chief constables share the aim of continuing to provide a responsive, accountable and visible police service which keeps people safe while recognising the pressure on public finances."

satisfied with the actions of the officers' colleagues who carried out the welfare check.

Coincidentally, they were joined at the flat by mental health workers who were also due to check on Mr Koopmann's condition.

The commission concluded the officers failed to tell the workers about Mr Koopmann's threats to kill himself, nor did

they check for any evidence of suicide or self-harm or carry out any physical checks.

Mike Franklin, IPCC commissioner for the South East, said: "I do not believe any officers acted maliciously, but there were some failings and it is right that those responsible are held to account."

"However, it is not only the police who have a duty of care here and Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust has undertaken an investigation into its role."

The IPCC investigation concluded in April, last year, but its findings could not be released until an inquest into Mr Koopmann's death had been heard.



Christian Koopmann

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'Lessons learned' after Data Protection slip

KENT Police have fallen foul of the Data Protection Act after confidential paperwork was stolen from an officer's car.

The force has taken action after it emerged the officer – who has been disciplined – did not have a safe at his house.

A member of the public found the paperwork dumped in the

street the next day and passed it to police. Kent Police Authority, which oversees the running of the force, said it was disappointed by the incident.

Chairwoman Ann Barnes said: "Fortunately the documents were returned safely. I have been assured that practices and procedures are in place to prevent this

happening again. It is disappointing when things go wrong. Thankfully this is a one-off and our officers and colleagues have learned lessons."

Acting Chief Constable Adrian Leppard was forced by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to sign a formal undertaking to ensure staff whose roles require access to confidential information outside the office are provided with secure transport and storage.

The undertaking also agrees that policies on the use of confidential information need to be clarified, and all staff need to be made aware of their requirements.

Sally-Anne Poole, enforcement group manager at the ICO, said: "It is essential police forces ensure safeguards are in place when storing and trans-

ferring personal information, especially when it is highly confidential."

The force is not the first Kent organisation to be reprimanded by the ICO. Last November, the chief executive of Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust was forced to sign a similar undertaking when it emerged four laptops containing personal information about patients were stolen.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "An officer made a mistake by leaving confidential documents in a locked briefcase that was stolen from the secure boot of his car."

"He has faced disciplinary action and received further training regarding data protection. We have re-examined policies and procedures to ensure this does not happen again."

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OLYMPIC gold medallist Darren Campbell has revealed how the murder of his best friend only strengthened his desire for sporting glory, *writes Steve Knight*.

The former sprint star is one of Britain's most successful ever athletes, but admitted to KOS Media this week that growing up in a Manchester estate notorious for gangland crime could easily have put paid to his dreams. Campbell – who struck gold in the 4x100m relay at the 2004 Olympics in Athens – is now an ambassador for Sky Sports' Living for Sport scheme, in which Kent schools are participating.

He said: "It's about trying to inspire young people to be the best they can be by using sport to engage them and teach them positive messages about things like focus, determination and teamwork."

"I could have really done with something like this when I was at school because although I had a lot of belief in myself, that belief wasn't shared by the people around me."

Waste of life

"If I'd have come off the right path, my life could have turned out to be so much different. I buried one of my best friends when I was only 18. He had his brains blown out and I remember getting the phone call, driving down there and seeing his body sprawled on the ground."

"I remember thinking, 'What a waste of a young person's life'. It wasn't until then that I fully appreciated how easily things can turn bad. Luckily for me I had a strong mother who always told me I could achieve anything if I put my mind to it, and I always said it was my dream to compete in the Olympics and win a gold medal."

The Kent schools involved in the Living for Sport scheme include Ifield School in Gravesend, Angley School and Sports College in Cranbrook, the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate, and Aylesford School Sports

Sprint star's path to gold and glory ready to inspire next generation

College. Astor of Hever in Maidstone, Abbey School in Faversham, Sittingbourne Community College, Castle Community College in Deal, and the Hayesbrook School, Tonbridge, are also involved.

Campbell, who also has three European Championship and two Commonwealth gold medals to his name, is one of the judges who will choose the 2010 Student of the Year from the schools signed up to the scheme.

He said: "I think a lot of sport schemes make the mistake of focusing too much on traditional sports like football and rugby."

"That's not going to help the kids' self-esteem if they're no good at those sports and are always being picked last to join the team."

"This scheme is more about activities like skateboarding, BMX and rock-climbing to help children find something they might enjoy and be good at."

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Poultry keeping lays way for return to the good life

By **JANE CONNOLLY**

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MORE people in Kent are striving for the good life as the popularity of amateur poultry keeping continues to rise.

In recent years the growing demand for ethical, free range and organic produce has really ruffled feathers in the food industry, as consumers have become more discerning about what makes it onto their plate.

Many have even taken matters into their own hands by turning back gardens and allotments into their own personal food factories.

Along with growing fruit, vegetables and herbs, keeping chickens is a popular way for people to enjoy their own fresh produce.

According to Simon Broad, owner of Broadfeed equine and pet supplies in Tunbridge Wells, the county has been no exception to the rule.

"The popularity of keeping chickens has exploded in the last three or four years," he said.

"It's quite funny, because keeping poultry in the back garden is not new.

"Going back to wartime, I should think that most people with a decent-sized garden would have kept them for eggs and meat.

"With the rise of supermarkets and conven-



SAVIOURS: British Hen Welfare

ience stores it died off. But over the last five to 10 years, people have become more and more aware of where their food comes from and they are looking for a return to the good life."

The business has been running for 26 years, so Broadfeed staff have been well-placed to notice changing trends over the decades.



Trust's Kent team have saved many chickens from slaughter; and Simon Broad (right)

As poultry keeping becomes more popular Mr Broad has been helping a wide variety of people to take their first steps into animal husbandry.

Reward

"Many people keep them for eggs, so it's the same as keeping a pet. I would say the majority of people are complete novices and that's where we can help," he said.

"If your garden is big enough for a rabbit, it's big enough for a chicken. In that sort of space you can give it the better its life will be. But even if it is confined to an ark it will have a far better life than in a battery cage because it can exhibit its natural behaviour, like scratching and stretching."

Collecting up the free eggs, with the knowledge they have been laid by happy hens, is not the only reward for chicken keepers.

Mr Broad believes that chickens make fun



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• When Jane Howorth started the venture alone in October, 2003, she rehomed 425 birds that year. The following year, the number increased to more than 5,000 and in 2009, the Trust found new homes for nearly 62,000 commercial laying hens.

• There are approximately 16 million laying hens in cages in the UK and most of their eggs end up in processed foods such as cakes, quiches, pasta, ready meals and confectionery.

• Earlier this month the charity's 200,000th hen was rehomed with eight-year-old Sam Bradley from Devon, who has been crazy about chickens for some time. He first rehomed a bird from the Trust with the gift money he received on his sixth birthday.

• No charge is made for chickens from the Trust, but donations are welcome and the average gift is about £3 per bird.

• Anyone who cannot take on their own chicken can still help by sponsoring one of the Trust's hens. Full details can be found at the website www.bhwt.org.uk.



and educational pets for children, with greater appeal than some of the more traditional choices. "They are no more high maintenance than a rabbit. Before committing to any animal you have to be certain that you have the time, inclination and enthusiasm for it, but with chickens you just have to check on them once or twice a day and clean them out once a week," he said.

"They are perfect in that they give children responsibility. They are better than rabbits because they are far more interactive. You can watch chickens for hours. They are busy all day, scratching around and picking things up." Broadfeed does not sell birds, but recom-

mends local poultry supplier Anne Edwards, of New Park Farm in Groombridge.

When looking for a breeder, Mr Broad advises novices to inspect the quality of the environment before agreeing to purchase birds.

"The best thing to do is to look at the surroundings the bird is coming from," he said.

"If it is a nice field with grass and it looks clean and tidy they will probably be healthy."

Buying from a breeder is not the only way of finding chickens and keepers can do their bit for hen welfare, even as they look forward to enjoying tasty boiled eggs in the mornings.

Set up in 2003, to rehome commercial laying and battery hens, the British Hen Welfare Trust

has since found new homes for 200,000 birds which would otherwise have faced slaughter.

The trust has representatives throughout England, Scotland and Wales, offering animal lovers the opportunity to provide these chickens with happy homes for the rest of their lives.

"Why should people buy ex-bats [battery hens] in preference to other hens?" said Rebecca Ross, the Trust's Kent co-ordinator.

"Because saving a hen from slaughter is a lovely thing to do, they make fabulous pets and they often provide a tasty egg for breakfast. I would highly recommend it."

The charity's founder, Jane Howorth, had been affected by the plight of commercial laying hens long before she set up the Trust seven years ago.

Welfare

"Predominantly I did it because ever since I saw an edition of Panorama called Down on the Factory Farm in 1978 or 79, I wanted to do something to help laying hens," she said.

"In 1995 I got my first battery hens from a local farm, and in 2003 I had that light bulb moment. I wanted to find homes for some more, like the RSPCA does for cats and dogs.

"So I placed adverts locally and the phone has not stopped ringing since."

Although the Trust aims to see all consumers and food manufacturers buying only UK-produced, free-range eggs, Mrs Howorth stressed she understands the challenges faced by today's egg farmers.

"We're proud of our policy to support British egg producers and we would rather see caged egg production here, than caged egg imports come into the UK from countries outside our welfare control," she said.

"We want to see consumers supporting British free-range egg farmers, which will result in more British laying hens enjoying access to fresh air and sunshine."

To find out more about the British Hen Welfare Trust, go online at www.bhwt.org.uk. For information about Broadfeed visit www.broadfeed.co.uk.

Stork visits herons

A PAIR of purple herons at Dungeness RSPB reserve are thought to be feeding young.

It will be the first successful breeding of the species the UK in recorded history.

It also vindicates the RSPB's decision to announce the news to the media, a move criticised by some, who said word of the breeding attempt should have been withheld. A round-the-clock protection scheme was set up because of the threat of egg-collectors and vandals.

The society is setting up a viewing station at Denge Marsh to help visitors watch a historic wildlife moment. The Purple Heron Date With Nature starts on Saturday, June 26, and runs until Sunday, July 4, from 11am-4pm daily.

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Special courts to tackle domestic abuse

VICTIMS of domestic violence have been assured prosecutions against their abusive partners will now be processed quicker than ever before, **writes Steve Knight**.

Kent is already home to one court specialising in domestic crime, in Maidstone, and next month a second will open to hear cases from Canterbury and Thanet. There are also plans for a third early next year for Medway.

Roger Coe-Salazar, chief prosecutor for Kent, said: "Stopping domestic violence and bringing perpetrators to justice is a major priority for the Crown Prosecution Service.

"We have placed considerable time, effort

and resources into tackling this abhorrent crime, and I see the expansion of the specialist domestic violence courts as another example of all criminal justice agencies working together to support victims and stamp it out."

The aim of the new courts – the second of which will run once a week from Margate Magistrates' Court – is to speed up the legal process while providing a safe and supportive environment for victims and witnesses.

Fears

Magistrates, clerks and prosecutors have all had specialist training, while an independent adviser from charity Oasis will offer guidance.

Mike Edwards, deputy justices clerk for east Kent, said: "The adviser is the key to the suc-

cess of this project because of the assistance, understanding and knowledge that will be provided to victims and professionals.

"Research has shown that where courts of this nature are set up, victims and witnesses have more confidence in the criminal justice system. This enables the police, CPS, probation service, witness service and the courts to deliver a better service."

Last year Kent Police received 21,329 reports of domestic abuse, of which 2,477 were from Thanet and 1,461 from in and around Canterbury.

Thanet has the highest number of incidents per 1,000 population, with 19.

As well as providing the independent advisers, Oasis also supports domestic

abuse victims through the entire legal process by offering information and advice.

Angela Braithwaite (not her real name) got in touch with the charity because she feared her abusive husband would cause further harm to her and her children as a result of her pressing charges.

She said: "The support was fantastic. These people understood my fears and were able to offer practical ways of easing them. They made me see how I could take control of my life. I didn't have to go on like that. It wasn't easy – in fact it was extremely hard – but it was so, so worth it."



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Travellers break the taboo

IT HAS long been a taboo subject within tight-knit traveller communities, but previously silent victims of domestic abuse are beginning to speak out.

A report by the Equality and Human Rights Commission suggested women who reported a violent relationship had usually suffered severely and over a long period of time.

Cultural barriers and fear of being ostracised were cited as factors, where women were afraid they would be left alone and subjected to racism if pushed out of the traveller community.

The report also revealed that 61 per cent of married English gypsy women and 81 per cent of married Irish traveller women had experienced direct domestic abuse.

An invitation-only conference is now being held by the Gypsy and Traveller Action Group at the Kent Police College in Maidstone to raise awareness. There are 17

legal traveller and gypsy sites in Kent, managed by district authorities or KCC.

Irish traveller Mary (name changed) said: "I was married at 16 and my husband raped me on my wedding night. From 16 to the age of 27, I was sexually, emotionally and physically abused. I was a slave.

"I wasn't allowed to have money, I wasn't allowed to talk to other women. He'd stop beating me and want to have sex."

Mary eventually moved into a refuge.

Chairman of the Gypsy and Traveller Action Group, Ch Supt Mark Nottage, said: "The gypsy and traveller community believes marriage is for life and divorce is rare. Leaving a partner can mean they face losing their partner, home, community, culture and way of life."

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UCA ready for centre stage at Glastonbury

ON SONG:
UCA students
will join stars
such as legend
Stevie Wonder

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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MUSIC giants Gorillaz, Muse and Stevie Wonder are headlining this weekend's Glastonbury festival – and they will be joined by the University for the Creative Arts.

UCA, with campuses in Canterbury, Maidstone and Rochester, said there will be many free creative activities taking place at Glastonbury's on-site festival of contemporary performing arts.

Festival-goers can recreate a scene from The Matrix, take part in a fashion photo-shoot and make recycled jewellery.

This is the second year the first academic institution to have a presence at Glastonbury will be taking part.

UCA organiser, Tim Savage, said: "Last year's trip to Glastonbury was a real triumph for UCA, with more than 6,000 people visiting the stand and getting involved in our creative activities – it was a great way to establish ourselves as a new university."

The Matrix

"Feedback from the public was fantastic, while the organisers said we enriched the festival and asked us to return for their 40th birthday celebrations in 2010."

"This year, we have even more free activities for festival-goers to get in touch with their creative sides, and we can't wait to welcome everyone to our stand."

Alongside the great and good from the musical world, the UCA's tent includes a 'bullet rig'. Users can then put together their own scene from The Matrix using a bank of 30 special cameras.

Plus there will be a photo studio where festival-goers can glam themselves up to become a model, or have a go at being a photographer.

At a slower but just as satisfying pace will be recycled jewellery workshops to create unique designs from littered items at Glastonbury; an oversized weave which will grow from a piece of string to a work of art; and interactive canvases where people

FESTIVAL-goers are being urged to wear earmuffs to protect themselves from the damage caused by loud music.

The advice comes from health chiefs who say people are putting their hearing at risk by standing too close to speakers or turning the volume on their personal stereos up too high.

James Ransom, lead commissioner for audiology at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent, said there was growing concern about the number of youngsters experiencing hearing loss and tinnitus as a result of listening to loud music.

He added: "There is a worry that due to continuous exposure to high volumes, youngsters believe their current level of hearing is normal."

"Many personal stereos have a top volume setting of up to 110 decibels (dB) but this is still 30dB higher than health and safety recommends as safe."

"Noise levels near the stages at music festivals can easily reach 110 dB or more."

Kent festival-goers are gearing themselves up for a busy season this summer, with events like Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm and Paddock Wood's Hop Farm Festival hotly anticipated.

But NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent is advising people not to stand directly in front of speakers while listening or dancing to music, and says they should take 15-minute quiet breaks where possible.

The musicians are also being asked to avoid practising at performance levels.

Health trainer Nicola Reynolds, 42, said her career as an aerobics instructor led to her suffering hearing loss in her 30s.

She said: "I spent 20 years working in a gym that played loud music all day. I also spent most of my 20s in nightclubs and would have whistling in my ears for days."

"My advice is that it's not about being killjoys, it's about being aware and taking a few simple steps to protect yourselves."

Visit www.easternandcoastalkent.nhs.uk for tips on looking after your hearing.

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Literary triumph from Roy's disasters

By **IAN READ**

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RETIRED policeman Roy Ingleton used to deal with tragedy – but now he writes about it.

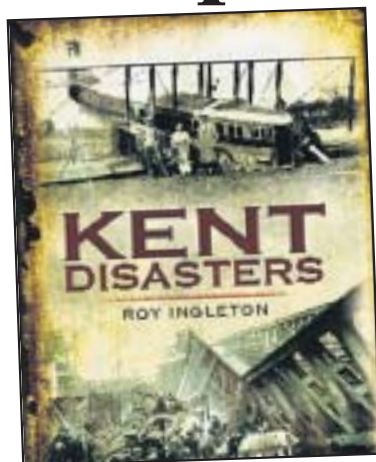
The former superintendent, from Maidstone, has just completed *Kent Disasters*, a book which tells how plague, war, pestilence and disease have visited the county down the centuries.

His book deals with tragedy from the Black Death, to the 1994 collapse of a walkway at Ramsgate ferry terminal, claiming the lives of six passengers.

The 79-year-old served with Kent Police for 28 years and was a national serviceman with the Glorious Glosters during the Korean War.

Mr Ingleton was only directly involved in one of the disasters he describes in his book, the Oakwood Park tragedy, when a chimney collapse killed seven people at the former mental hospital in November, 1957.

He was a young traffic officer called to a fire



at the hospital. When he arrived it looked as if firefighters had the blaze under control, and the motorcycle officer was told to return to policing the roads.

Mr Ingleton said: "As I was leaving I heard

an almighty cracking sound. It was only later I found out the chimney had later collapsed."

The cracking was the sound of brickwork cooling. The fire was out and crews began to clean up. Two hours later there was an almighty rumbling as the chimney collapsed onto workshops killing four firemen, two members of staff and a patient.

One of the rescuers was shocked to find his brother was among those killed. The fire had been caused by an electric iron overheating in a workshop.

Mr Ingleton has written extensively on police matters in the county, including a book on Kentish murders.

He said: "Having written about murders, I thought I'd write about the disasters that have befallen the county in one way or another."

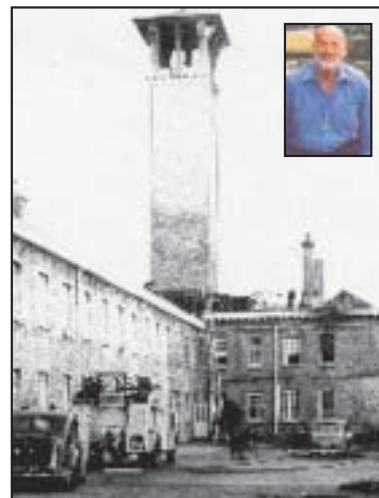
Mr Ingleton is now writing about the 50 Victoria Cross winners associated with the county, which he hopes to publish next year.

• *Kent Disasters* is published by Pen and Sword Books price £12.99.



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TRAGEDY: The Oakwood Park fire was attended by a young Roy Ingleton (inset)

NOT a single Kent town made it on to the new Which? Holiday list of Britain's favourite holiday spots.

Blackpool towered over the opposition, with Brighton and Whitby in second and third.

The rest is made up by Bournemouth, Scarborough, Newquay, Torquay, St Ives, Skegness and Great Yarmouth. The independent survey cavassed the opinions of more than 4,200 people.

Researchers were told visitors loved the "special atmosphere" in Blackpool as well as the illuminations, described by one respondent

Anger as Which? puts our holiday hotspots in shade

as "simply breathtaking". The consumer group said 40 per cent of UK adults took a trip to the seaside in 2009 and this could rise by as much as 20 per cent this year.

However, former hotspots in Kent, such as Margate and Broadstairs, didn't get a look in.

Thanet council's Cllr Martin Wise said: "The isle is a fantastic, all-season coastal destination, so it's a shame we aren't featured."

"The district boasts beautiful sandy beaches, nine of which have Blue Flag status, as well as a Quality Coast Award for Viking Bay, and

has plenty of heritage and culture to explore.

"Thanet hosts an enviable year-round programme of events, including Margate's Big Event, Dippers and Dunkers, and the Broadstairs Folk Festival.

"Whether it's the traditional feel of Broadstairs, or Ramsgate's harbourside bars and restaurants, the district is unique.

"And with the Turner Contemporary in Margate from next spring and the world's only heritage amusement park opening in 2012, Thanet should feature in any top 10 guide."

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Arrests in crackdown on illegal workers

TWO men were arrested during a hunt for illegal immigrants working in Strood.

The operation to target the night-time economy involved UK Border Agency officers, Kent Police, Medway Council and the Environmental Health Agency.

The officials were looking at immigration offences, under-age alcohol sales, food hygiene, drug use and anti-social behaviour.

A total of 30 premises were visited, and an Indian national was found working illegally at Darnley Fish Bar.

He has been detained in custody pending his removal from the UK.

A Chinese national employed at the Good Luck Restaurant was also found to have no legal right to work in the UK.

Licensing enforcement actions were put in action at 10 premises, four written warnings were made for breaches of licensing conditions, and six verbal warnings were given for failure to display or produce the licence.

Seven premises were identified by Environmental Health officers as having food and safety issues.

Karyn Dunning of the UK Border

Agency's Local Immigration Team in Kent said: "This is an excellent example of partnership working with Medway Council, and Kent Police.

"The UK Border Agency is committed to removing people who have no right to be in the UK and will continue to work closely with other law enforcement agencies to do so.

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'Ruthless' fraudster jailed for ripping off children's charities

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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AN AFRICAN fraudster who received almost £100,000 by conning several leading charities has been jailed for four-and-a-half years.

Congolese immigrant Richard Kombe set up his own bogus organisation and used it to rip off genuine charities including Comic Relief, Children in Need and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

But the 49-year-old was finally snared following a two-year investigation by specialist officers at Kent Police's frontier operations joint investigation team.

He was jailed by Canterbury Crown Court last week after being found guilty of nine counts of fraud.

Det Chief Insp Darren Mullins said: "This is a satisfying end to what has been an immensely complex investigation involving lies, deceit and betrayal that flourished due to a combination of Kombe's brash confidence and a lack of proper controls within the organisations he ripped off."

"Kombe is a calculating and ruthless criminal. He hid behind a black African organisation in order to prey on the goodwill and good faith of charities that sought to raise funds to help the vulnerable."

"He used weaknesses in their audit processes to fraudulently obtain large sums of money and he exploited them to fund a comfortable lifestyle."

The Kent Police investigation into Kombe began when a woman was arrested at the Folkestone side of the Channel Tunnel for attempting to leave the UK using a forged Belgian passport.

Subsequent inquiries linked her to Kombe's

gang, which was also involved in benefit and identity fraud, bogus asylum claims and the false claiming of student loans.

The investigation showed that his fraudulent group, British Francophone Migrant Community Development, was formally registered by the Charity Commission in 2005, giving it access to large-scale funding.

Officers also discovered that Kombe was given asylum in the UK and moved to Bristol after claiming he fled the Congo for fear of persecution.

However, it emerged he was actually a Belgian citizen.

Judge James O'Mahony, sentencing, said: "This was a serious exploitation of public goodwill and money involving the undermining of confidence in these public bodies."

"You may even have deceived yourself into the perception you are a worldwide humanitarian figure, but in the context of the evidence in this case you have been exposed as a confidence trickster on a substantial scale."



EXPLOITATION: Richard Kombe was finally caught after a two-year police investigation

Ducklings rescued after drain ordeal

SIX ducklings were rescued by firefighters after falling down a drain.

The wayward wildfowl fell down the roadside drain in Upper Fant Road, Maidstone, on Saturday, June 19.

Firefighters plucked four of the ducklings from the road by simply removing the metal cover, but the remaining two birds had been swept along the draining page.

Crews positioned themselves at the exit and carefully flushed small amounts of water down the pipe until the distressed ducklings appeared at the other end.

A Kent Fire and Rescue Service spokesman said: "Once secured in a box the ducklings were returned to the river where mother and babies are believed to be doing fine."

Aussie MP guest of youth foundation

THE Caldecott Foundation in Smeeth had a visit from an Australian government minister last week.

Jennifer Rankine MP is minister for families and communities for the State of South Australia.

She spent two hours at the charity that cares for and educates children who have suffered cruelty and neglect.

Ms Rankine's department is developing new social care strategies in South Australia. The minister asked to visit Caldecott during her stay in the UK to discuss the organisation's model of care, which includes assessment, residential homes, therapy, an on-site school and fostering service for up to 50 children and young people.



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Exotic animal breeds live on your doorstep

PARTS of Kent are home to some of the UK's largest populations of animal invaders, *writes Chris Murphy*.

A new report found parakeets and scorpions top the list of creatures in the UK that shouldn't be here – and most are in Kent.

The ring-necked parakeets have been commonplace in parts of Thanet, and the European yellow-tailed scorpions have long been thriving in Sheerness.

They are part of an invasion that started 150 years ago, and many of the creatures are gaining strong footholds in Britain.

The Eden Wildlife Report was specially commissioned to celebrate cable TV station Eden Channel's Great British Wildlife Season.

The research team, led by Dr Toni Bunnell from the University of Hull, analysed all the officially recorded sightings of non-indigenous species that have been introduced into the UK in the last 150 years.

Wild boar have been seen in east Kent, while snapping turtles are being spotted in parts of Kent and east London.

The study recorded the population of each species and looked into the possible effects on our local species and ecological environment.

The research shows that due to its population of up to 50,000, the ring-necked parakeet is the most populous exotic species now residing in Britain.

Originally found in hotter climates such as Africa and South Asia, these birds have been breeding in the UK since 1969 and have



TOP 10 EXOTIC ANIMALS THRIVING IN GREAT BRITAIN

1)	Ring-necked parakeet	50,000
2)	European yellow-tailed scorpion	13,000
3)	Chinese water deer	10,000
4)	Siberian chipmunk	1,000
5)	Wild boar	900
6)	Large wild cats	50
7)	Red-necked wallaby	50
8)	Snapping turtle	20
9)	Coati	10
10)	Raccoon dog	10

descended from pets and aviary birds that escaped or were deliberately released.

There are now established breeding colonies in south-east England, like the one in Margate, although they have been spotted as far afield as Wales and Scotland.

The report also shows that there are concerns about the rapidly expanding numbers and their potential impact on native bird species.

The second most populated exotic animal to come to Britain is the European yellow-tailed scorpion. This arrived in the 1860s on merchant ships carrying cargoes of Italian masonry from Europe. They mainly reside in London and south-east England.

Sheerness has a large established wild colony in the brickwork of a dockside wall.

The Chinese water deer comes in at number three, with 10,000 of the animals currently roaming the British countryside.

This breed is indigenous to China and Korea, but the UK population derived from a number of deliberate releases in 1929, plus some that escaped from Whipsnade Wild Animal Park and Woburn Abbey.

Eden Channel head Adrian Wills said: "By having a British Wildlife Season, we're recognising that the animals on our doorstep can be just as diverse as species found in Africa, Asia or South America."

The Great British Wildlife Season runs at 6pm every weekday on Eden. Programmes include Bill Oddie's How to watch Wildlife, Animal Park, and The Nature of Britain.

Nobby gets a big lift

A WHITE shire horse that once pulled the Lord Mayor of London, found itself in need of a pull.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service specialist animal rescue team, based in Faversham, were called to a farm in Crouch Lane, Borough Green, just after 10pm on Friday, June 18.

At the scene they found Nobby the shire horse, which weighs one-and-a-quarter tonnes, couldn't get back to its feet.

Station manager Dean Firmin said: "Despite trying to get up, Nobby didn't have the strength."

"Firefighters placed slings around him and winched him to his feet using a crane. He was a little shaky but soon recovered and was fine."

Circus clubs stolen

A CIRCUS performer was left without an act after his juggling clubs were stolen from a circus tent on Saltwood village green.

Three silver clubs and four fire-juggling clubs were stolen from a rehearsal tent between 4-5pm on Tuesday, June 15.

Four teenagers were seen nearby and police would like to trace them.

They are two white boys aged about 17 and two white girls – one tall, blonde and thin, and the other with brown hair, wearing a skirt.

Police are warning about the potential danger of the fire-juggling clubs as they may have traces of a flammable substance.

School test deadline

PARENTS have until Friday, July 2, to register for this year's Kent Test and be in with a chance of their child attending grammar school.

You can apply at www.kent.gov.uk/ola and complete the online form; download a paper copy from the website; obtain a form from primary schools; or call 01622 696565.

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'Bedlam' brought to the canvas

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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ARTWORK by former patients of the once notorious Bethlem Royal Hospital are going on display for the first time.

Famed as the origin of the word 'bedlam' as a place or situation of noisy uproar and confusion, the Beckenham institution – which has a history stretching as far back as 1247 – once allowed tourists into its buildings to stare at the so-called lunatics housed there.

But today the hospital is at the forefront of humane psychiatric treatment and even has its own gallery showcasing nearly 1,000 paintings and portraits by former patients.

The exhibition, which opened this week, features the work of eight artists who have used archive material to influence their ideas.

"Art can be very therapeutic for patients at the hospital," said gallery co-ordinator Beth Elliott.

"Creative expression appeals to people when they're going through difficult times. It's a complex language that often expresses more than words can, and that certainly fits in with people's therapy when they are here.

"It also allows them to take ownership of and be proud of something they themselves have produced. Our museum contains two different sorts of work: art by people who experienced mental health difficulties; and items about the hospital and its history.

"This exhibition takes us on a tour of that



ABOVE: Sketch by Victorian artist Richard Dadd
STARK: Marion Patrick's The Cross, left

from the artists' perspective."

The Victorian painter Richard Dadd was born in Chatham and studied at London's Royal Academy of Arts. But in 1843 after becoming convinced his father was the Devil, he killed him with a knife and was later committed to the criminal department of Bethlem.

He continued to paint while at the hospital and later when he was moved to the newly



LONELY CROWD: Painting from exhibition
opened Broadmoor in 1864. It is believed he suffered from schizophrenia.

Mrs Elliott said the treatment Dadd received at the hospital was proof that Bethlem's history was not always as cruel as is often made out.

She said: "People perceive the hospital to have a terrible history, but when you look into it you find that for hundreds of years there have been people trying to facilitate art here.

"Dadd is one of our most famous artists and the staff at the time went out of their way to ensure he had everything he needed because they knew how beneficial it was for him.

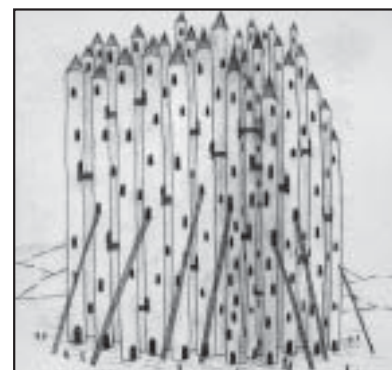
"The arts have always been very strong here, which is an indicator of how highly we value the patient-centred approach to care."

The exhibition will be open every Wednesday to Friday until July 16, as well as Saturday, July 10, as part of the hospital's annual Sunfayre event.

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ABOVE: Maureen Scott's Hail Mary
BELOW: City of Towers by John Exell



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LETTER OF THE WEEK

Short-termism of ruling party

Am I right? Haven't the Tories formed the ruling party in Kent almost for ever?

So when Cllr Graham Gibbens, cabinet member for adult social services at Kent County Council, says "it would be too expensive" to upgrade all the care homes under consideration, and "a lot of these homes were built 30 years ago and have now come to the end of their useful lives", was he admitting that a previous Conservative administration spent a huge amount of public money to construct care homes that weren't expected to last a generation? Am I missing something here? When did we arrive at an acceptance that public money should be treated so lightly and with such little regard?

I own my own home. I expect to redecorate from time to time and I may even invest in renovations to improve the building and my enjoyment of it; but I expect the layout to perform the basic function for which it was designed, through my lifetime and beyond. I don't expect to have to renew the whole structure after only 30 years.

I support the need for cuts that have arisen largely from the profligacy of the last government.

But it worries me when Cllr Gibbens chooses to announce, close to an austerity Budget by the Chancellor of the Exchequer the severity of which we've never known before, cuts that will severely affect one of the most vulnerable groups in the county. And we mustn't forget that in more prosperous times, KCC was among many local authorities which invested heavily in the Icelandic banks and lost the people of Kent huge amounts in bad investments.

The adage 'if it looks too good to be true, it probably is' obviously passed them by on that occasion. Will councillors be imposing punitive cuts on themselves?

Cutting is easy. Making savings using new and imaginative methods of service delivery that avoid cuts in services to the needy – using ingenuity instead of the knife – requires skill and intelligence. Whether Cllr Gibbens and his friends on KCC possess those qualities, will be revealed in time. For all our sakes, I hope they have them in abundance.

Stephen Talbot, Bromley

Sudden silence is deafening

Readers must have been surprised to have heard so little from Conservative and Liberal Democrat county councillors about the arbitrary suspension of £23 million of investment in transport infrastructure for Kent Thameside.

Another £10m cut is promised in the October spending review.

After all that has been said and written until recently by those same councillors about the need for infrastructure before development, their silence is all the more startling.

Certainly voters in Kent have the right to expect the chairman of the cabinet scrutiny committee, Cllr

OPINION: FORCED TO RECONSIDER

This weekend sees the celebration of Armed Forces Day – but is it looking to the past or the future, asks **TIM GARBUTT** of the Sincerity Agency

ARE you celebrating Armed Forces Day this weekend? It was created by Gordon Brown in 2006 to shore up support for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, yet is now downgraded from a public holiday to a celebration of the forces.

Across the county there seems little sign of bunting. Perhaps our heritage of Frontline Kent or Unconquered Invicta extends to Spitfires and Romans, but not today's forces. The anniversary of the Dunkirk Little Ships was remembered here in Ramsgate, yet our role in Waterloo passed uneventfully this week in the town that provided many of the troops that defeated Napoleon.

And even last month, the VE Day anniversary was celebrated in Moscow with the first-ever parade of British troops in Red Square.

With Iraq having been fought to a standstill and Afghanistan this week reaching the grim milestone of 300 British soldiers dead, should this Armed Forces Day seem so forgotten?

In east Kent there are discussions to better support our troops on their return home, with free council tax and community benefits. It's something the French and Americans take for granted, but each war we seem to face the same problems of disastrous equipment and worse homecoming support.

Perhaps our celebrations should go further and remember the 'forgotten war' of Korea in 1950-53 – the first United Nations war. Or the 'forgotten army' in Burma during World War Two.

Last year, I wrote of the dangers of rogue nations after North Korea's missile over Japan and reopening of nuclear reactor test sites.

Two months ago, we saw the sinking of the South Korean warship Cheonan with 46 deaths.

And the UN confirms reports of Burma's military planning to develop nuclear weapons with North Korean technology and export it to other rogue nations, such as the Congo. And all the while buying fighter jets from China to continue

its civil war. With British war graves stretching from Mandalay to Seoul, perhaps today is a day to reflect on the cost of appeasement.

The recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan show the threat to Kent comes from failing to develop aid and democracy in such nations. The roll call of asylum seekers is the failed nations of the world: Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Congo and Colombia. What we do there rebounds here, yet nine years into Afghanistan we've failed to create basic schools, roads and hospitals to reverse what is described as a "broken 13th century society" – even with full support from all the major powers.

We seem to have concentrated on exacerbating a civil war rather than supporting military action with development aid.

In Asia, Cyclone Nargis was a missed opportunity to establish what the UN refers to as the Right to Protect and intervene in a nation against a failed government.

Presumably the Chinese and Russians now regret their support of North Korea, with its nuclear missiles within reach of Japan, Taiwan, Beijing, Vladivostok and US troops in South Korea.

If the price of democracy is eternal vigilance, there may be a few things worth considering closer to home: not just

better equipment and support of our returning troops. Why weren't Kent's farmers consulted on providing alternative crops and techniques for Afghanistan to stem the heroin trade? Kent County Council could implement the UN ethical guidelines on investments.

And the 21st century surely requires adopting and adapting the UN Millennium goals with climate change and new society – and even leading the way in establishing the 'House of Commons' democratic assembly within the UN – as already voted by the EU and UN itself.

This Armed Forces Day might be a damp squib in Kent, but we should be grateful there have been only two mushroom clouds in Asia to establish the armistice of the last 60 years. As for the future, there's more we can do to ensure most of our troops are here and not over there.

• **Tim Garbutt is managing director of Sincerity Agency, the green and ethical advertising agency in east Kent.**



Trudy Dean, to ask questions about the impact of a £23m cut to Kent's infrastructure funding. It's not just the impact on the redevelopment of Kent Thameside but also on all those people and businesses that rely on good quality road transport along and around the A2.

As the leader of the Lib Dems on KCC, Cllr Dean must find defending the cuts ordered by Danny Alexander, a Lib Dem MP and a Treasury minister, a particular embarrassment. But all of us in Kent use that stretch of the A2 at some time and all of us will suffer, while the compliant chairwoman of scrutiny and her Conservative chums do and say nothing.

Cllr Mike Eddy, Dover District Council, Mill Hill, Deal

Expectations not so great

Every year at the Dickens Festival, volunteers and stallholders were able to park in the Strood Civic Centre car park for free. This year there was a charge.

People give up their time to do

voluntary work to make the festival a success – and Medway Council charges them for the privilege of doing so.

Stallholders have to get there by 8am and can't leave until 6pm to pack their stalls away. Voluntary groups try to raise awareness and much-needed funds to keep going.

Another problem was that in the nearest car park you could only park for five hours then you have to leave. But where can you go?

All the other car parks were full of visitors. True, there was free park and ride, if you knew about it, but that was no good to people with stalls. I wonder how many of visitors knew about the draconian parking restrictions and saw – in the small print on the notice board, they could only park for five hours.

How many received penalty charges on their cars.

I bet the enforcement officers were like bees round a honey pot.

The council should have made the festival weekend free parking to encourage visitors to come.

What are they trying to do? Kill off the festival, like they have done with Medway's town centres?

Peter Nassan, Chatham

Teachers in a different class

I was disappointed to read C Webb's comments on teachers' hours (Letters, last week). I taught for years in secondary schools in Kent and Medway.

During that time I regularly worked 12 to 14-hour days, and worked at least half a day each weekend, usually more.

I worked a considerable portion of each holiday, too. My wife kept a record of my hours and calculated that I worked the equivalent of 53 40-hour weeks per year. Most teachers work extremely hard.

C Johnson, Rainham

Long may she reign over us

I was so sad to read the letter from Antony Sansum advocating that Britain becomes a republic.

Yes, there are many things wrong with our country, but the monarchy is an excellent institution, as seen



Lessons to learn in free schools debate

THE so-called "free schools agenda" appears to be the phrase of the month among headteachers and education chiefs, but does anybody actually know what it means?

While the promise of more control over funding and staffing levels will no doubt appeal to many schools, there is clearly a growing concern that nobody really knows what they are letting themselves in for.

This week Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter and the National Grammar Schools Association (NGSA) urged headteachers to exercise "extreme caution" before deciding which way they will jump, warning them not to get too excited until the finer details are revealed.

It is no surprise Cllr Carter in particular would prefer for schools to remain under local authority control, having previously warned against free schools and academies taking funding away from maintained schools.

According to the NGSA there is also the possibility that grammars could be at risk of being turned into comprehensives following little or no consultation with parents.

This would not sit well with those who fought to ensure their children receive what they consider the best education possible.

It is too early to be sure just what the free schools agenda will mean for parents, pupils and teachers across Kent, but let's hope it doesn't result in the best getting better at the expense of the worst getting poorer.

Make Germany pay the penalty this time

NO MATTER your age, if you are an English football fan then chances are you remember either a heart-breaking defeat or emotional victory over the Germans.

Whether it's the 1966 World Cup success at Wembley, the penalty shoot-out losses of 1990 and 1996 or the 5-1 hammering in Munich, there are more than enough reasons to get excited about this weekend's second round clash.

Come on England!

by all the service by the Queen to this country and Commonwealth.

Let's look forward to 2012 and her Diamond Jubilee, where the majority will demonstrate their respect and affection for their monarch after 60 years of dedicated service. God save the Queen.

Graham Wanstall, Dover

Just adding to the frustration

We are told we pay £45 million each day to the European Union.

Multiply £45m by 365 days and we are giving £16.425bn a year. What do we get for this? What are we entitled to? What do our European partners do for us when we consider how much we are giving them?

If this huge sum remained in our country, it would help enormously to reduce the national debt which seems to be dominating our daily news.

Trevor Cooper, Margate

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JONES

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WATERS

Darren and Hayley are proud to announce the birth of Fraser Andrew on 7th June at Maidstone Hospital weighing 7lb 8oz.

DEATHS

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Ronald Clench passed away peacefully 13th June 2010. Beloved husband of Kathleen and Father of Lindy, Mandy, Malcolm and Judy. Funeral 6th July 2010, St Albans Church, Dartford, 2pm - all welcome. Flowers to Levertons Dartford 01322 225216. Donations to Ellenor Lions Hospices.

DUNK

Henry Dunk, 17th May 1935 - 11th June 2010, wonderful loving husband, dad, brother and special grandad. Lost his long brave battle and peacefully passed away in his

sleep. You remain in our hearts for always.

HOSIER

Joyce Edna passed away at Darent Valley Hospital on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, aged 79 years. Will be sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral service at Eltham Crematorium on Wednesday, June 30, at 10.15 am. No flowers please at Joyce's request, but donations for Cancer Research UK to Leverton Funeral Services, 56 Lowfield Street, Dartford, DA1 1HJ.

IRONS

Dave Irons of Margate, formerly of London, went to sleep on 14th June 2010. A loved one is not gone, until they are forgotten! And to love in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

KERTON

Kathleen Kerton, aged 64, of New Ash

Green, died peacefully on 11th June 2010. The Funeral was held on Friday 25th June at Ash. Donations in her memory to Ellenor Lions Hospices. Sadly missed by all.

MILLER

Jane Alexandrina Miller, formerly of 44 Montfort Road, Walderslade, Chatham, passed away peacefully in her sleep on 6th June 2010 at Mont Calm Nursing Home.

RUSSELL

Gladys Margaret Russell sadly passed away at Maidstone Hospital on 15th June 2010 aged 87 years. Dearly loved wife of Brian and beloved mother to Susan and David. Funeral Service at Vinters Park Crematorium on Monday 28th June 2010 at 11am. Flowers or donations to RSPCA, c/o Denis

Freeman Funerals, 17 Holland Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1UL. Tel: 01622 671888. Her kindness and gentleness will be greatly missed, God bless her.

WILLIS

Colonel Victor, passed away peacefully in St Winifreds Care Home on Saturday June 19th 2010, aged 89 years. Devoted husband to Kath, loving father to Brian and Sandra, and wonderful Grandad to Melissa, Derren and our beloved Jason. Funeral at Deal Chapel and Cemetery, Hamilton Road, at 11am Tuesday 29th June 2010. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Alzheimers Research Trust, c/o E B Cavell, 25 Albert Road, Deal CT14 9RE, 01304 373275.

WILLIS

The Willis Family would like to thank the wonderful staff at St Winifreds Care Home for looking after "Vic" with such dedication care and love. You are as yet the closest we have come to meeting Angels. Words cannot express how grateful we are to you all. Love and best wishes from Kath, Brian, Sandra, Derren and Melissa. XOXOXOXOXO.

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Get a grip and stop this grab

I see Germany is orchestrating another power grab in the EU by demanding to see budgets before anyone else in the various countries are able to.

It hasn't taken David Cameron long to renege on his promise of a referendum if there are any more attempts at power grabbing by the EU.

Doesn't seem to matter who is in government, the result is always the same - lies and broken promises.

RE Tucker, Sheerness

Zero-carbon future for GB

Kent Green Party commends the publication of Zero Carbon Britain 2030: a new energy strategy.

This new report demonstrates how Britain can end its dependence on declining and increasingly expensive fossil fuels, without building new nuclear or coal-fired power stations.

Kent and Medway are in an exceptional position to benefit from the combined energy and employment strategies Zero Carbon Britain 2030 suggests.

Kent and Medway have exceptional advantages in meeting the challenge of creating a zero-carbon economy.

The energy and employment benefits suggested by the report are particularly applicable to Kent.

With cheap, recoverable oil reaching its peak of global supply, and a surprisingly rapid drop in expectations about future coal supplies, a zero-carbon approach to our energy future is essential.

Kent's special advantages include: already being a major source of wood for the country, with the land to produce more; becoming a major player in the developing offshore wind farm industry, with expanding employment in Ramsgate being the harbinger of a large wind industry in the making; advantages in sunlight hours, meaning solar water heating and solar panels for electricity can be sited on our homes and buildings and yield both energy and good returns on investment.

In short, we need to escape from the Government's blinkered mentality of cutting public spending and start using a fairer tax system to ensure a rapid boost in energy efficiency, zero-carbon energy sources and employment.

Steve Dawe, Kent Green Party, Tonbridge

Join trek up Kilimanjaro

On behalf of the Meningitis Trust - the only charity to offer a range of free professional services and community based support for people affected by meningitis in the UK - I am inviting your readers to take part in our Kilimanjaro trek challenge to celebrate the trust's 25th anniversary next year.

I am honoured to be leading the trust's team up Kilimanjaro and

am delighted that TV presenter Suzi Perry is backing us, as she knows first-hand how meningitis can change lives in an instant, after her own experience of the disease last summer.

Meningitis can kill within hours and leave people with extreme after-effects, such as limb loss (where septicemia has occurred), brain damage and loss of hearing, to name just a few.

The Meningitis Trust supports anyone in the UK who has experienced meningitis and helps to rebuild lives shattered by the disease.

As the trust is reliant on voluntary donations to continue its work, events such as the Kilimanjaro trek are vital to its future.

The challenge will be starting on February 25, 2011, and will last six days.

It is a slow climb each day and will be a real mixture of dense jungle, high moorland, scree and high glaciers.

Please help the trust rebuild the lives of the thousands of people who are struggling with the impact of meningitis right now, by taking part in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

With every step, you really will be making a huge difference. For more information, call 01453 769024; email steve@meningitis-trust.org; or visit www.meningitis-trust.org/treks

Steve Williams, co-ordinator, Meningitis Trust

Bridge walk raises capital

As a professional football manager and former player, I'm used to pushing myself and my team to the limits and making my lads take on tough physical challenges.

I also think it's important to keep fit and to set yourself demanding but achievable goals - and what better way than by getting involved with a charity challenge?

This year is the 15th anniversary of CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) and I'm proud to be a patron of this special charity and helping to support its annual fundraising event on Sunday, July 18.

In its fourth year, the Heart of London Bridges Walk, has now raised a total of almost £200,000 and brings together hundreds of people wanting to raise awareness and much-needed funds.

Walkers will cross some of the capital's best-known bridges and pass at least 12 of London's most iconic landmarks - representing the 12 apparently fit and healthy young people (aged 35 and under) who die every week in the UK from undiagnosed cardiac conditions.

These conditions often affect young people who enjoy playing sport, whether at school, club or professional level.

The sudden death of a young person has a devastating impact on family and friends which is made worse by learning that with early screening and greater awareness, most of these deaths could be prevented.

That's why we need your support. To find out more or to sign up, visit www.c-r-y.org.uk/bridges_walk_2010.htm; or call 01737 363222.

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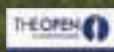
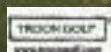
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University rooms win third award

THE University of Kent has been commended by a travel magazine for its accommodation for groups.

It is the third consecutive year the college has won an award for its facilities for people visiting Canterbury during the summer.

Group bookings for 2010 are already coming in, with the university expecting busy summers in 2011 and 2012 with an expansion of accommodation and the Olympics.

The institution won the Group Travel Organiser magazine's Best University Accommodation for Groups.

Kevin Stuckey, residence and conferences manager at the university, said: "To win the award for the third time is testament to the hard work our staff put in to maintaining the high standards our accommodation offers."

Techno teachers share at showcase

PRIMARY and secondary school teachers have teamed up to share their teaching initiatives in information computer technology.

The Kent Innovation Showcase 2010, organised by Kent schools in association with Kent County Council and Northgate Managed Services, saw teachers reveal their experiences in innovation in ICT, personalised learning and change management.

The two-day event at the Ashford International Hotel, included guided tours around Dane Court Grammar School in Broadstairs, Ifield School in Gravesend and Hugh Christie Technology College in Tonbridge, which were highlighted as exemplary institutions.

Professor Stephen Heppell of Bournemouth University opened the conference.

Charity helps vulnerable get back to work

By **MARIJKE COX**marijke.cox@kosmedia.co.uk

A HOMELESSNESS charity has launched two new initiatives to provide career opportunities for vulnerable and homeless people.

Porchlight, which helps people across Kent, started the four-month accredited employability programme to make society's most socially excluded more employable.

To help people find work, the charity has also started taking on trainee support workers for six months, part-time.

The schemes were launched to help homeless or vulnerable people to learn the skills needed to compete in the jobs market.

Dave Webster, jobs, education and training manager for Porchlight, oversees the employability programme.

He said: "In today's financial climate and competitive jobs market, simply having volunteering experience is not enough.

"Many of the people who access our services express a wish to 'give something back' and help others with similar experiences to themselves. The programme gives these people transferable skills, knowledge and experience that we know to be valuable."

Mr Webster said the bespoke nature of the training allows the potential of the participants to shine through.

Porchlight's trainee support worker positions are advertised in job centres and people with a history of long-term unemployment, homelessness, criminal behaviour, drug, alcohol or mental health problems are encouraged to apply.

Charles Elford, head of human resources at the charity, said Porchlight is specifically

inviting people who are the most excluded.

"We understand that someone's background should not stop us as an employer recognising their employability," he said.

"We want people to look at our trainee support worker roles and know they won't fall at the first hurdle because of their past. All our current trainees have been employed on merit and their ability to do the job."

He added: "It's always going to be difficult for someone who has been long-term unemployed or excluded from society to come into a work environment. This is why we've designed the trainee support worker roles to be manageable for them.

"They are part-time and individually tailored for each employee, giving them the best chance of succeeding in their new career."

Currently, 18 per cent of Porchlight's workforce has experienced issues associated with homelessness or exclusion.

Barry Clarke, a trainee support worker at the charity, completed the accredited training course after struggling with a drug and alcohol addiction.

He now provides support in various different projects at the charity.

"The programme gave me the self-belief that I could get back into work," he said.

"I empathise with people in certain situations. It is helpful to build trust with service users and help them engage with the support."

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BOX CLEVER: Chris

Chris chipper at big win

A YOUNG carpenter has scooped first place in a national joinery competition.

Chris Ward, from MidKent College's Maidstone campus and an apprentice at Denne Joinery, beat 30 hopefuls in the contest, run by the Worshipful Company of Joiners and Ceilers of the City of London.

Chris had to create an English-oak chest using drawings and timber provided on the day.

"It was hard work and there was lots to do in the time, but I'm really pleased I came first," said the 21-year-old.

He will be awarded with £1,000 and an inscribed presentation square at a prize-giving event in July.

Carpentry lecturer at the Maidstone campus, Dave Garrett, said: "Chris has a natural ability and his employer tells us his work is refined."



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The ideal candidate will have experience working in the food industry as well as supervisory experience.

Salary: Depending on experience

Hours of work: shift hours: 6am until 2pm and 2pm until 10pm, Monday to Friday with 30 minutes break. Shift Handovers time will be expected

Due to the location of the farm, you will need your own transport

If you would like a full job description and an application form or if you would like to submit your CV with a covering letter, please send/email them to c.spittles@fourayes.com or to: HR Department, Fourayes Farm Ltd, Bicknor, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8BJ.

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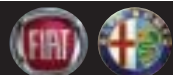
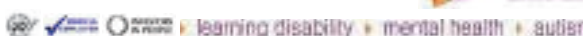
mcch is a charitable organisation committed to designing and delivering services, to adults with learning / physical disabilities, autism or mental health needs.

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For an informal discussion please contact Natalie Tegg, Head of Corporate and Community Fundraising on 07717 731623. For an application pack please visit our website www.demelza.org.uk or call our recruitment line on 01795 845295. **Please quote reference KOS on all correspondence & applications.**

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Closing Date: 2nd July 2010

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Jo Edwards

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Medway

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MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to
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The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children
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commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau
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Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk.
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Closing Date: 9th July 2010

Interviews will be held on 19th July 2010

For an application pack, or to make an
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Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School,
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For job description and application form please contact:

Jo Edwards

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Salary is dependant upon experience. Further information including a job description is
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Design Technology Technician

Maidstone

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Salary: £95 per week
Closing Date: 30th June
To apply/more information:
Thanet College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 605049
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Health & Safety, Security, Defense

SITE MANAGER
Rochester
Salary: £15,039-£19,126 per annum (pro rata)
Closing Date: Monday 28th June 2010
To apply/more information:
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 338040
Email office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Safety Inspector

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: £180 per month
To apply/more information:
Metro Safety
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 020 7960 3980
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

Forklift Driver(s)

Folkestone

Closing Date: 30 June 2010
To apply/more information:
Silver Spring
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
careers@silverspring.co.uk

Shift Production Supervisor

Sittingbourne
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Fourays
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email c.spittles@fourays.com

Production Operatives

Ramsgate
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Piper Windows
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 850500
Email ron@piperwindows.co.uk

Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Youth Theatre workshop Leader

Margate
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Tuesday 6th July 2010
To apply/more information:
Theatre Royal Margate
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 293397
Email admin@theatroyalmargate.com

FULL TIME STYLIST

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Salon Chique
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07590 043181
Email
knightpennington@aol.com

Management, Senior Positions

Duty Front of House Manager

Margate
Salary: £16K pro rata
Closing Date: Tuesday 6th July 2010
P/T Duty Front of House Manager (£16K pro rata) Youth Theatre workshop Leader (sessional) For application packs please call 01843 293397, see our website www.theatroyalmargate.com or email admin@theatroyalmargate.co.m
Deadline for applications - Tuesday 6th July 2010
Interviews - w/c 19th July 2010
Margate Theatre Royal Trust is a registered charity (279015) and aims to be an equal opportunities employer.
To apply/more information:
Theatre Royal Margate
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 293397
Email admin@theatroyalmargate.com

Motor Trade, Driver

PANEL BEATER

Sandwich
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Total Motor Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 620999
Email
jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk

Taxi Controller and Telephonist

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
L J Sackett Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 244442
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

7.5 tonne Multi-drop Collection and Delivery Drivers

Rochester
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Nightfreight
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
Mary.Kenny@Nightfreight.co.uk

Experienced Parts Advisor

Dartford
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Whitehouse Jeep
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Not for profit, Charities

Community Support Manager - Swale District

Isle of Sheppey
Salary: £23591 - £28908
Closing Date: 19/07/10
To apply/more information:
Lynda Salisbury
East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: CSM0001
Tel: 01843-224482
Email Jason.Gerlack@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Community Support Manager - Swale District

Faversham
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Community Support Manager - Swale District

Sittingbourne
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Community Support Manager - Swale District

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Closing Date: 19/07/10
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Broker

Ashford
Salary: £20791 p/a
Closing Date: 19/07/10
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Fundraising Officer

Maidstone
Salary: £25,206 - £28,451 pro rata
To apply/more information:
MCCH
Quoting Job Ref: 742/E
Tel: 0845 600 1552
Email jobs@mcch.co.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Massage Therapist

Canterbury
Salary: 9-18 k per annum + bonuses
Closing Date: 30/06/10
To apply/more information:
Practice Manager
Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: masthe 001
Tel: 01227 789977
Email
admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary: 12,500-26,500 depending on skills
Closing Date: 30/06/10
To apply/more information:
Practice Manager
Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: 2010-02
Tel: 01227 789977
Email
admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk

Career in Care?

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Enterprising Opportunities
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 265899
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Domestic Staff/ Care Staff

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Littlebourne House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 721527
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Broker

Ashford

Salary: £20791 p/a

Closing Date: 19/07/10

To apply/more information:

Lynda Salisbury

East Kent Mencap

Quoting Job Ref: BKR0002

Tel: 01843-224482

Email Jason.Gerlack@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Applicant:

Name of Premises: The Woodlands, Hilda May Avenue, Swanley

Applicant:

Name of Premises: The Alexandra Suite, St Marys Road, Swanley

Applicant:

Name of Premises: Cobham Hall, Cobham

Applicant:

David Standen

The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Giles Adey

Head of Registration

First Floor, Invicta House

Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Community Care Workers - West Kent Locality

Kent
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Carers First
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 357555
Email michaela.clack@carersfirst.org.uk

Crisis Support Workers

Tonbridge
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Carers First
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 357555
Email michaela.clack@carersfirst.org.uk

RGN and RMN's

Dover
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Applecroft Care Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 821 3310
Email
kate@abbeyhealthcare.org.uk

Homecarers

Kent
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Audley Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 633101
Email richardrn@audleyretirement.co.uk

Carers

Herne Bay
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Tender Loving Carers
Quoting Job Ref: SA1706
Tel: 01227 725115
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Therapeutic Day Programme Worker

Canterbury
Salary: £21,519 - £27,849
Closing Date: 16 July 2010
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: 676
Tel: 01795 590795
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Care Workers

Kent
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Scott Care Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0845 6800506
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Team Leaders

Kent
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Scott Care Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 0845 6800506
Email
applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICE

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

ASHFORD ROAD, KINGSNORTH
(10 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of installation of a new water main, the Kent County Council has made an Order in respect of Ashford Road, Kingsnorth. The Order comes into effect on or after 28 June 2010 for an estimated period of 8 weeks or until the works are complete. The section of road affected is approximately 110 metres south of the junction with Magpie Hall Road heading northwards for a distance for approximately 530 metres.

The effect of the Order is to impose a temporary mandatory 10 mph speed restriction within the roadworks. This will only be implemented at such times when it is not safe to work without this restriction, and will be operated by means of a "convoy", whilst the roadworks are taking place. It is planned the work will be done in rolling sections of 100 metres at a time

The order will only be in force at the specific times when the works are being carried out. At these times, the appropriate signs and temporary traffic signals will be displayed on site

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

CHARTHAM HATCH LEVEL CROSSING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of track maintenance, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Chartham Hatch Level Crossing from 18 July 2010 for up to 2 days or until the works are complete

Hatch Lane, Chartham will be closed for a distance of 30 metres either side of the level crossing. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions of A28 Ashford Road and New Town Street

The signposted alternative route is via A28 Ashford Road, Howfield Lane and New Town Street

The works are planned to be carried out from Sunday 18 July 2010 from 1.35 am through to Monday 19 July at 4.30 am

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

OVERY STREET, DARTFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Overy Street, Dartford under and either side of the railway bridge

The Order will become effective on 28th June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 evening between 19.00 – 22.00 hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: **Eastbound** – Temple Hill, Mill Pond Road, Hythe Street, Home Gardens and Overy Street.

Southbound – Overy Street, Overy Liberty, Market Street, Lowfield Street, Instone Road, Highfield Road, Highfield Road North, Westgate Road, Hythe Street and Mill Pond Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford & District of Sevenoaks

VARIOUS ROADS, DARENTH & SOUTH DARENTH
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads Darenth and South Darneth as noted in schedule 1

The Order will become effective on 5th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 12 months; the event is planned to take place on 11th July 2010 and last approximately 2.5 hours. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the attached schedule

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Dartford Half Marathon

Schedule 1	
Road Name:	Parsonage Lane, Darenth
Extent:	For it entire length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Darenth Hill, Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Parsonage Lane and Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Roman Villa Road, Darneth
Extent:	For it entire length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Shrubbery Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	For it entire length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	East Hill, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road Name:	Skinny Lane, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	For it entire length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, A225 Princes Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Rabbits Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	For its entire length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Canada Farm Road, Horton Kirby and South Darenth
Extent:	Between its junctions with Rabbutts Road and Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	Gills Road
Extent:	For its entire length
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Road Name:	NO ENTRY to St Margarets Road from Green Street Green Road
Diversion:	A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane, Darenth Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road

Highways - District of Dover

HILLSIDE ROAD, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the closure of Coombe Valley Road, Dover for gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council has made an order prohibiting waiting on Hillside Road, Dover from 28 June 2010 for up to 11 weeks or until the works are completed

The Order affects the south side of Hillside Road between No.1 Hillside Road & No. 48 Bunkers Hill Road. The effect of the Order is to prohibit waiting between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public whilst this road is used as a diversion route because Coombe Valley Road is closed

ST RADIGUND'S ROAD, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is given that because of the closure of Coombe Valley Road, Dover for gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting waiting on St Radigund's Road, Dover from 5 July 2010 for up to 11 weeks or until the works are completed.

The Order affects the south side of St Radigund's Road outside property numbers 135-141.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public whilst this road is used as a diversion route because Coombe Valley Road is closed

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

BREWERS ROAD, COBHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Brewers Road, Cobham (A2 Cobham Flyover)

The Order will become effective on 12th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last over 2 weekends between 16th – 19th and 23rd – 26th July 2010 starting 20.00 hours Friday and ending 06.00 hours Monday. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:

Northbound – Cobham Slip westbound on, Watling Street, Wrotham Road tollgate slip westbound off, Wrotham Road, Wrotham Road roundabout to petrol station, Cobham Slip eastbound off and Brewers Road

Southbound – Cobham Slip eastbound on, Watling Street, Wainscott Northern Bypass, Gravesend Road, Wainscott Northern Bypass, Three Crutches Slip westbound, Watling Street and Cobham Slip westbound off

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate carriageway resurfacing

CASTLE LANE, GRAVESEND
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Castle Lane, Gravesend from its junctions with Filborough Way and Darenth Drive

The Order will become effective on 12th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 5 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Rochester Road, Church Lane, Lower Higham Road and Castle Lane

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of a new electrical supply

VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESEND
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting and restricting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads, Gravesend as noted in attached Schedule 1

The Order will become effective on 12th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in Schedule 1. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in the schedule

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate gas main replacement

Schedule 1	
Road Name:	Campbell Road, Gravesend
Extent:	Restrict vehicular traffic North-Eastbound from its junction with Granville Road to Lennox Road
Date:	12th July 2010 for 8 weeks
Diversion:	Granville Road, Pelham Road and Lennox Road
Road Name:	Grange Road, Gravesend
Extent:	From its junction with Pelham Road and Lennox Road.
Date:	23trd August 2010 for 2 weeks
Diversion	Lennox Road and Pelham
Road Name:	Lennox Road, Gravesend
Extent:	Restrict vehicular traffic Northbound from its junction with Pelham Road to Grange Road.
Date:	26th July 2010 for 6 weeks
Diversion:	Pelham Road, Darnley Road, The Overcliffe and London Road
Road Name:	Campbell Road, Gravesend
Extent:	No left turn into Lennox Road
Date:	26th July 2010 for 6 weeks

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

B2163 PENFOLD HILL, BURBERRY LANE, A20 ASHFORD ROAD, LEEDS
(30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND NO RIGHT TURN) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic traveling at any speed greater than 30mph on B2163 Penfold Hill and Burberry Lane and no person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to carry out a right hand turn from Leeds Castle Entrance onto the A20 Ashford Road at times when required on 3rd/4th July 2010.

Heritage Special Events Limited apologise for any inconvenience caused by these restrictions, which are necessary because of the Open Air Classical Concert. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Jon Wright on 0845 652 6262

BACK STREET, LEEDS
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on Back Street Leeds. This order will come into effect on or after Thursday 15th July 2010 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the closure is as follows Caring Lane, Ashford Road, Old Mill Road and Forge Lane
BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by the works to access overhead network to replace faulty pole. essential works which are necessary to permanently reinstate the carriageway. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Tracy Zeal on 01622 798417

VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Monday 12th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule	
Road Name:	A20 Ashford Road, Bearsted
Extent:	Willington Street to Wat Tyler Way
Dates:	Start: 12th July 2010 / End: 17th July 2010 / 19:00hrs to 02:00hrs
Diversion:	Westbound: via Willington Street, A274 Sutton Road, A229 Loose Road/Hayle Road/ College Road/The Broadway/St Peters Street/ Bishops Way/Palace Avenue/ Romney Place, Wat Tyler Way. Eastbound: via Wat Tyler Way, A229 Upper Stone Street/Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street

Road Name:	Church Road, Otham
Extent:	50m from junction of Deringwood Drive
Dates:	Start: 17th July 2010 / End: 18th July 2010 / 19:00hrs to 02:00hrs
Diversion:	Church Road, Gore Court Road, A274 Sutton Road, Willington Street, Deringwood Drive
Road Name:	Four Oaks Road, Headcorn
Extent:	Hawkenbury Road to Plumtree Road
Dates:	Start: 15th July 2010 / End: 19th July 2010 / Working days 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs
Diversion:	New Barn Road, A274 Maidstone Road
Road Name:	Queens Road, Maidstone
Extent:	A26 Tonbridge Road to A20 London Road
Dates:	Start: 26thJuly 2010 / End: 2ndAugust 2010 / working days 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs
Diversion:	A26 Tonbridge Road, A20 Terrace Road/ London Road
Road Name:	Middlesex Road, Maidstone
Extent:	Full Length
Dates:	Start: 16th August 2010 / End: 18th October 2010 / 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs
Diversion:	Nottingham Avenue, Hereford Road

Road Name:	Hereford Road
Extent:	Full Length
Dates:	Start: 22nd November 2010 / End: 31st January 2011 / 07:00hrs to 19:00hrs
Diversion:	Northumberland Road, Worcester Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate carriageway/ footway resurfacing works to be undertaken by Kent Highway Services

Please Note: Access will be maintained for all residents, businesses and their visitors as much as possible during the works

For further information or comment please call Andrew Mitchell of Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800

A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETILING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETLING/ THURNHAM/ STOCKBURY TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described in the Schedule.

The order shall come into operation at times when required on 16th/17th/18th July 2010

Schedule (The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)	
1.	Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/Detling Hill, Detling/Thurnham/ Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5).
2.	No person shall, at times when required between 06:00hrs and 20:00hrs, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to :- <div><div>i)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from the A249 southbound into Scragged Oak Road.</div><div>ii)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road into the A249 southbound.</div><div>iii)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.</div><div>iv)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn or “U” turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.</div><div>v)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Aerodrome Approach.</div><div>vi)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.</div><div>vii)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.</div><div>viii)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrock Hill.</div><div>ix)</div><div>Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249</div></div>
3.	The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) above are either: <div><div>i)</div><div>via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway</div><div>ii)</div><div>via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway</div></div>

CHURCH STREET, LOOSE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Church Street, Loose on or after Monday 12th July 2010 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via High Banks and Old Loose Hill

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Jamie Cunningham on 08458 247 800

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800
(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks**WELL ROAD, OTFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Well Road, Otford between house numbers 54 and 68

The Order will become effective on 28th June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via: Sidney Gardens and Evelyn Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate permanent reinstatement to drainage excavation

**NEW STREET ROAD, ASH CUM RIDLEY
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on New Street Road Ash Cum Ridley outside Keepers Cottage

The Order will become effective on 12th July 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Bunkers Hill and Rectory Road

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate repairs to damage on the carriageway

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway**VARIOUS ROADS, DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING, PROHIBITION OF LOADING AND UNLOADING) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2010**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council proposes to make the above named Order under sections 1, 2 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order will be to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on the following lengths of Stone Street, Westenhangar:

On the eastern side from a point 45 metres south of the junction with the access road to Westenhangar Station for a distance of 267 metres in a northerly direction;

On the western side from a point 25 metres south of the access road to Westenhangar Station for a distance of 230 metres in a northerly direction;

On both sides of the access road to Westenhangar Station from the junction with Stone Street for a distance of 5 metres in a westerly direction;

On both sides of the access road to property known as The Willows from the junction with Stone Street for a distance of 7 metres in an easterly direction

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays in the offices of Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, between 9.00am and 5.00pm

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order, you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to Kent Highway Services, Network Performance, Invicta House, Maidstone ME14 1XX by noon on Monday 19 July 2010

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale**PERRY WOOD, SELLING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of BT works to replace a damaged pole and carry out jointing works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Perry Wood, Selling on or after 28 June 2010 for an estimated period of 3 days or until the works are complete

The road will be closed between the junction with Pickens Forstal and Sand Bank Farm. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Pickens Forstal, Reynolds Grove Road and Grove Road

**SEED ROAD, NEWNHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of works for the installation of a new water connection, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Seed Road, Newnham from 13 July 2010 for up to 3 days or until the works are completed

The road will be closed outside Parsonage Farm. There will be no access for though traffic between the junctions with Hopes Hill and Foxen Road

The signposted alternative route is via Hopes Hill, The Street and Seed Road

**KIT HILL, BOUGHTON UNDER BLEAN AND SELLING ROAD, SELLING
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of bridge inspections, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Kit Hill, Boughton under Blean and Selling Road, Selling

The Order comes into effect from 12 July 2010

Kit Hill, Boughton Under Blean

will be closed at Danecourt Bridge from 12 July 2010 for one day between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm

The signposted alternative route is via Kit Hill, Crouch Lane and Selling Road

Selling Road, Selling

will be closed at Fox Lane Bridge from 22 July 2010 for one day between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm

The signposted alternative route is via Selling Road, Crouch Lane, Kit Hill, and South Street

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet**THE VALE, BROADSTAIRS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of the installation of a new gas supply, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on The Vale, Broadstairs from 12 July 2010 for up to 3 days or until the works are completed

The road will be closed between the junctions with Ramsgate Road and St George's Road.

The signposted alternative route is via Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road, Seafeld Road, Osborne Road and The Vale

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**THE ROCKS ROAD, EAST MALLING
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on The Rocks Road from number 154 to Four Acres on or after Wednesday 14th July 2010 for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via The Rocks Road, Sweets Lane, Wateringbury Road, Chapel Street, The Rocks Road.

BT apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to carry out aerial cabling works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Tracy Zael on 08700 500792

**HAVELOCK ROAD, TONBRIDGE
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Havelock Road, Tonbridge outside number 7 on or after Monday 12th July 2010 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via The Avenue and Lodge Road and vice versa

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works to install a new supply. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells**WHITE'S LANE, HAWKHURST
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on White's Lane from the rear of 5 Hartnoaks to 5 White's Lane on or after Monday 12th July 2010 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via White's Lane, Water Lane, A268 Rye Road, Queens Road and vice versa

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential gas mains replacement works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Adrian Hart on 01233 713402.

Notice is hereby given that Parshotam Dhillon of 113 Rochester Road, Gravesend, DA12 2HU has applied to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for the GRANT of a new premises licence application for the sale of alcohol on delivery and off sales only. Hours for sale of alcohol: Monday to Sunday noon until 11pm for the premises Pembury Grill situated at 132 Henwood Green Road, Pembury, TN2 4LR. Any person wishing to submit representations to my/our application must give notice in writing to the Licensing Team, PO Box 182, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1GP, giving in detail the grounds of objection by 12th July 2010. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly to make false statement in connection with a Licence Application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction is £5,000.

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/01737/LBC Cider Court Park Farm, Capel
- Listed Building Consent - Installation of satellite dish (works already carried out) (LB)

10/01830/FUL The Corner House Stone Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Change of use of shop and cellar from A1 to A2 (LB) (CA)

10/01840/FUL Hartley Dyke Farm Hartley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Removal of condition 3 of TW/08/02272/FUL - relating to relocation of existing 4 car parking spaces allowing extension to garden area. New car parking to be provided under TW/10/01849 (LB)

10/01864/LBC Bettenham Manor Bettenham Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst
- Listed Building Consent - Removal/relocation of the braces within the hall adjacent to the proposed new stairs, remove timber post and insert new oak beam; relocation of flue in kitchen area and first floor; replacement of existing 6 no. velux rooflights in stowage roof with conservation rooflights; replacement of brace in the master bedroom and repairs/strengthening of the valley beam; replacement of concrete beams over openings in oast roundels with shaped oak beams; repairs and replacement of defective brick work and eaves level and ground floor in oast roundels; increase height of rear chimney stack; replacement of canopy over front door and repair to lead valley to oast (LB)

10/01991/FUL York House 58 Grosvenor Road, Culverden
- Extension of time: Change of use from offices to residential (LB) (CA)

10/01993/LBC Trinity Theatre & Arts Association Church Road, Culverden
- Listed Building Consent: Demolish internal porchway. Replacement of split doorway with new door - original frame to be retained (EIA)

10/01973/HOUSE 4 The Slade Lamberhurst, Lamberhurst
- Extension of time: Single storey rear extension (TW/07/02491 refers) (CA)

10/01742/LBC 25B The Pantiles Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Listed Building Consent - Satellite dish to roof (LB)

10/01927/HOUSE 18 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Side extension to existing single-storey service wing; Extension of existing garage to re-instate previous size (LB) (CA)

10/01929/LBC 18 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Listed Building Consent - Side extension to existing single-storey service wing; Extension of existing garage to re-instate previous size; Changes to fenestration; Repairs to external stonework; External changes to include improvement to balustrading; Enlargement of terrace; Re-surfacing of driveway and parking area; Internal alterations and re-ordering of room layouts (EIA)

10/01980/FUL 49 Camden Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Change of use of lower and upper ground floor of vacant rear area of shop to studio apartment, with proposed staff room and office area to lower and upper ground floor of vacant shop unit. Replacement windows and doors (CA)

10/01986/HOUSE Magnolia House Holden Road, Southborough North
- Extension of Time: Two storey rear extension (TW/07/02489/FUL refers) (CA)
(DE/PLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA)
Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004****The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended)****TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH CORE STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT
ADOPTION STATEMENT JUNE 2010**

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Regulation 24(2) and Regulation 36 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 (as amended), Tunbridge Wells Borough Council formally adopted the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (the Core Strategy) as part of its Local Development Framework on 17 June 2010.

The Core Strategy provides the over-arching principles for development in the Borough for the period to 2026.

The Core Strategy was subject to examination by an independent Inspector, which included public hearings in December 2009. The Inspector's Report was received on 6 April 2010 and can be viewed at the locations set out below.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Core Strategy may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the grounds that:

- the document is not within the appropriate power
- a procedural requirement has not been complied with

Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than Friday 30 July 2010 – six weeks after the date of adoption.

Inspecting the Documents

The adopted Core Strategy and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal Report, together with the Inspector's Report and this Adoption Statement, can be viewed on the Borough Council's website at <http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/corestrategy>

Paper copies are available to view at:

- **Tunbridge Wells Gateway**, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 2AB. Open 9am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9am-6.30pm on Thursdays; and 10am-4pm on Saturdays

- **Weald Information Centre**, The Old Fire Station, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3HF. Open 8.30am-5pm, Monday to Friday

- **All libraries** in the Tunbridge Wells Borough area. Please check with the particular library for opening times

Please note that, at its meeting on 17 June 2010, the Borough Council also resolved to commence an immediate review of the adopted Core Strategy which will have regard to recent changes in PPS3 and Government documents and statements, and any future changes in legislation and national and regional policy.

For further information about the Tunbridge Wells Borough Core Strategy DPD, please contact Planning Policy on 01892 554056 or email planning.policy@tunbridgewells.gov.uk.



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By **STEVE LOADER**

LUCKY or shrewd planning?

It's hard to say, but Toyota's decision to build its newest and cheapest hybrid here in the UK is timely good news for company and the country.

It guarantees UK jobs and exports for Toyota's Burnaston car plant in Derbyshire and the Deeside engine site in Wales – now celebrating 18 years since they opened.

The latter has also earned the distinction of being the first Toyota factory outside Japan to manufacture a hybrid vehicle engine – it has established a global reputation for high-quality engine manufacture.

The decision to go British with the Auris hybrid, launched on July 1, will also make it more affordable for would-be UK buyers at a time when imported cars are getting dearer due to the weakness of the pound.

The same circumstances should make the Auris highly competitive on the Continent where VW and Ford are trying to sell the alternative eco-pitch of low emission diesel misers like the VW Golf BlueMotion and Ford Focus Econetic family hatchbacks.

The Auris Hybrid is a spin-off from the world number one carmaker's contender in the same sector as the Golf and Focus and, apart from tackling those conventional

Hybrid Auris augers well for the UK

rivals, augments Toyota's bigger Prius hybrid and attacks the smaller Honda Insight and forthcoming Peugeot 308 diesel-electric hybrid.

The Auris Hybrid will sell in two high specification grades – T4 and T Spirit – priced from £18,950 and deliver tax exempt 89g/km CO2 emissions and average 70+mpg.

Toyota says it has been designed specifically for Europe and its 1.8-litre VVT-i petrol engine and electric motor generate a

healthy maximum 134bhp, giving 0- 62mph acceleration in 11.4 seconds and a top speed of 112mph – performance to match any conventional 2.0-litre petrol or diesel hatchback.

Many buyers though will be attracted to the car's ability to run on electricity alone for short runs; 1.2 miles can be covered at speeds of up to 30mph, subject to the level of battery charge and driving conditions.

The Auris Hybrid is being seen as a big vote of confidence in the UK car industry



and Tony Walker, deputy managing director for the company's British arm, said: "It provides a great opportunity for us to increase production and for Toyota to increase sales, and it is a source of great motivation for everyone here. As the first car in the C-segment to benefit from full hybrid technology it is helping lead the move to a low carbon economy in Europe."

It also opens the possibility for more hybrid models to be built here; Toyota plans to offer a hybrid version of all its models by 2020.

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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



New Juke unboxed

BAILEYS Canterbury Nissan unveils the all-new Juke crossover model at a special preview at its Westminster Road dealership on July 9.

Orders for the new Juke (priced from £12,795) can be placed on the night, with official sales starting on September 24.

Part rugged SUV, part funky sports car, the Juke is pitched as a distinctive alternative to conventional hatchbacks – and it's British designed and built.

Baileys' dealer principal Brian Smith said: "We've already seen

tremendous response to the Juke, but this is the first time customers can see a full-size car first-hand – we're confident they will be impressed.

"Juke brings something new to the car market. It cements Nissan's place as a bold and thoughtful car manufacturer."

Three engine outputs are offered: 115bhp 1.6 petrol, 187bhp 1.6 petrol turbo and 109bhp 1.5 diesel plus the option of four-wheel drive.

Buyers will also be able to browse a wide range of customisation and personalisation features.

Loading up expectations for next Astra

HERE'S a success story to light up grim times – the stunning looking Astra Sports Tourer due later this year.

It's designed by a British-led General Motors design team and will be built here too after the UK Vauxhall plant at Ellesmere Port beat bids from rival GM sites on the Continent.

The smart five-door hatchback arrived in December and Briton Mark Adams and his team have now devised this spin-off combining 'lifestyle estate' looks and serious



load capacity – excitement is building ahead of the Astra sports hatch to come. The newcomer's arrival will also mark the start of emissions and

fuel saving Start/Stop technology on the Astra line-up, though the estate's practical selling point is a versatile FlexFold cargo area.

XF makes sales look like child's play



IN little over two years since launch, UK sales of Jaguar's superb XF saloon have already exceeded the S-Type that it replaced.

And XF sales are currently up 41 per cent so far this year against 2009, with many buyers claimed to be new recruits to the executive brand.

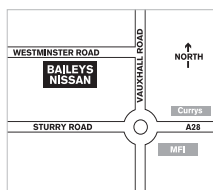
It means the model is about to notch up its 25,000th UK sale and that's impressive for a company regarded as a basket case just a few years ago, despite the millions poured into it by former owner, Ford.

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by
STEVE LOADER

RENAULT will turn the heat up on the convertible market with the launch of two all-new coupé convertibles in July.

The most intriguing is the little Wind (pictured left) folding hardtop roadster, priced from £15,500-18,200 and significantly undercutting established stars such as the Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupé and Peugeot 207CC.

I have my doubts whether one half of the population will even look at it though; despite styling inspired by the Lotus Elise it is a tad too cute and saddled with a name likely to spark too many laddish quips down at the pub.

However, Renault insists the crop top will drive like the wind rather than give you a dose of it thanks to two lively engines; the fiery

Crop-top duo heats up motoring's sun sector

133hp 16-valve 1.6 from the Twingo Renaultsport and the little turbocharged 100bhp 1.2 TCe deployed on various small Renaults to deliver low down urge and excellent economy.

Standard kit looks generous and I bet the Wind is fun – we'll confirm or deny that as soon as a test car, pair of darkest Raybans and suitable disguise arrives.

Less likely to divide opinion is the new Mégane Coupé-Cabriolet (right), priced from £21,595.

It's the final piece (for now) in the latest generation Mégane line-up and carries over and improves upon the hatchback's inherent good looks and, like the Wind, comes with a good spec as standard: alloys, Bluetooth, panoramic electric glass folding roof – a popular feature from the previous generation car – fixed glass wind deflector and fully integrated Carminat TomTom sat nav.

There is also more engine choice for drivers, with six engine and transmission combinations available including Renault's new

twin-clutch automatic transmission.

Perhaps signaling a new direction in car marketing, Renault is also promoting the launch of the new convertibles with its Very Good Trip reality show on the web (www.renault.co.uk/verygoodtrip) featuring seven couples in Mégane Coupé-Cabriolets drawn from all over Europe.

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Lexus RX 450H

NEVER mind the Prius – this is the best Toyota hybrid I've driven.

Admittedly, the RX450h wears the badge of Toyota's upmarket Lexus division, but it fits the hybrid classification better.

For a start, the concept of a petrol engine with electric back-up to cut consumption and emissions works better on larger cars that would be seen as 'gas guzzlers' if purely petrol-powered.

Such cars can also lose the extra bulk and weight of the hybrid powertrain and batteries more easily within the overall structure.

Lower down the market, where the Prius is so highly lauded, an aerodynamic and environmentally-fettled diesel car can do a far better all-round job on economy and emissions and be more fun to drive.

Back to the Lexus though and you find it is a marketing hybrid too; Lexus now likes to call the RX a 'crossover' – the labels 4x4 and SUV (sports utility vehicle) now being linked too

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closely with the aforementioned gas guzzlers.

But Lexus is bandwagon-jumping here; crossover is the new term for a car combining family hatchback, MPV and SUV styling, but the RX lacks the compactness and flexibility to wear that label.

In an attempt to make it slip through the air as a clean-living hybrid ought to, quirky

stylists at Lexus have created something that looks like a sleek brick; the butch look captured in the star crossover, Nissan's Qashqai, has eluded the RX.

In short, it's an awkward looking thing.

However, Toyota's market-leading hybrid technology brings the best of both worlds on the engineering front: it will hit 62mph in

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Auris Hybrid T Spirit 1.8 VVT-i E-CVT Lux and 17" wheels official fuel consumption figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 70.6 (4.0), Extra Urban 70.6 (4.0), Combined 70.6 (4.0). CO2 Emissions 93g/km.



out fuss and bother thanks to a seamless automatic transmission.

Though it runs contrary to the hybrid ethos, the big Lexus can also be flung about far more than the previous RX series, which had all the sloppy handling issues of an SUV bred for the American market. Body roll on the £52,435 SE-L model tested here – runner-up in a four-model line-up starting at £43,175 – is neatly damped by air suspension that also smoothes the ride.

Inside a rather dark cabin there is a mixture of the clever and tacky; the head-up display underlines the shape of things to come for the display of essential clocks and gauges, while an excellent Mark Levinson sound system is reason enough for many people to buy.

On the other hand, cheesy wood finishing on the armrest caps, centre console, wheel and gearshift underlines my view that it is time carmakers stopped bothering with such an anachronism, though the car's trimming is generally excellent.

7.8 seconds, cruise the motorway in refined style, yet average nearly 45mpg with modest CO2 emissions of just 148g/km – best in class and comparable with many family hatchbacks.

This is the second generation hybrid system used in the RX series and Lexus claims a 10 per cent increase in engine power.

The combined petrol-electric powertrain delivers up to 295bhp, though the component outputs add up to a massive 487bhp, split between a smooth 246bhp 3.5-litre V6 petrol engine and two electric motors: a 165bhp unit at the front and a 67bhp at the back to give the car 4x4 when the management system senses a loss of grip.

It is not expected to do serious off-road yomping, but the Lexus is a green and pleasant rural motor with some ability to cope with muck.

The sense of being 'at one with nature' continues as you switch on the ignition – nothing. There's no fuss of an engine firing up because pulling away on electric power is the first option considered by the on-board 'brain' and the V6 fires up automatically as throttle pressure increases.

It is weird at first to feel this relatively large car ease away without a whisper, though you can wake it up if you give the throttle a kick.

Even then, power and speed escalates with-

DrivingPortfolio

LEXUS RX 450H SE-L £52,435

Driving appeal	★★★★
Image	★★★★
Space	★★★★
Value	★★★★
Running costs	★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
How green?	★★★★
Road tax	££125/year
Best rival	BMW X5

TheVerdict



DON'T LIKE:

the price – a lot for a car that's too much of a 'hybrid' in many senses of the word



NOT SURE:

hybrid technology is enough compensation for a fairly lacklustre driving experience



REALLY LIKE:

the brave attempt to offer an SUV that doesn't offend the neighbours

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159, 1.9 JTDm 16v, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags traction control remote central locking, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

159, 1.9 JTDm 16v, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags traction control remote central locking, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, abs brakes alloy wheels electric windows immobiliser power steering remote central locking, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDi 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, T FSI Sport S Tronic, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, grey, 12313 miles, £16975, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDi 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDi 170 QUATTRO, 2007, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multiple airbags power steering traction control trip computer remote central locking, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A4, S LINE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking, blue, 37667 miles, £16000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A4, S4 Quattro Tip Auto, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation television, topaz, 48674 miles, £17000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A4, TDI TDV S LINE Geartronic, 2008, grey metallic, 27000 miles, £17500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9 TDi 115 SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, green, 63150 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9 TDi 115 SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel power steering, silver, 55939 miles, £7495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9 TDi 115 SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel power steering, silver, 55939 miles, £7495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9 TDi 115 SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel power steering, silver, 55939 miles, £7495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9 TDi 115 SE, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking diesel power steering, silver, 55939 miles, £7495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BMW

1 SERIES, 2.0 120D M SPORT, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player diesel electric windows full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid traction control remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 3695 miles, £24000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

1 SERIES, 116 ES, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, blue, 21509 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

1 SERIES, 116 ES, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, blue, 21509 miles, £9000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

1 SERIES, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, red metallic, 15000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, Sport, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking cruise control diesel power steering, silver, 55939 miles, £7495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 318i SE, 2001, abs brakes central locking electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering, blue, 55000 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 320D SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass traction control trip computer spotlights remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, silver, 42000 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, SE, 2002, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, purple, 55100 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

M3, M3 SMG Auto, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation television, topaz, 48674 miles, £17000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

M3, M3 SMG Auto, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation television, topaz, 48674 miles, £17000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 320i SE, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, silver, 31536 miles, £11250, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 325 SE, 2001, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking electric windows metallic paint, silver, 88100 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, Sport, 2002, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels central locking cruise control diesel power steering, silver, 55939 miles, £7495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, 318i SE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, green, 63150 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, SE, 2000, abs brakes alloy wheels central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid traction control trip computer twin airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, metallic blue, 80400 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 520D M/SPORT, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid single cd player sports seats tinted glass traction control xenon headlamps spotlights curtain airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch isofix child seat points quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, met grey, 27000 miles, £20000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 525d SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation, silver, 101610 miles, £3300, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 525SE, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission climate control cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation split folding rear seats tinted glass traction control trip computer curtain airbags remote central locking auto headlamps and wipers remote audio controls, black, 66340 miles, £13480, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

5 SERIES, 520D M/SPORT, 2008, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel electric windows full service history heated seats immobiliser metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid single cd player sports seats tinted glass traction control xenon headlamps spotlights curtain airbags front passenger air bag deactivation switch isofix child seat points quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, met grey, 27000 miles, £20000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

M3, M3 SMG Auto, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation television, topaz, 48674 miles, £17000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

M3, M3 SMG Auto, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid satellite navigation television, topaz, 48674 miles, £17000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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ZA, 2.5 SE CONV, mk07mmu, air conditioning, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, head restraints, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, power hood, cd player, radio, stereo, at Big Motoring World we average over 350 bmw's in one place. visit our website for even more details. we are open 7 days a week and easily located off the m25, m26 and a20. big enough to cope, small enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 156119, green, 21778 miles, £14997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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3 SERIES, 318i SE, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid, green, 63150 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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AVERO, LT, 2008, abs brakes air con alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 20523 miles, £5495, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

AVERO, LT, 2008, abs brakes air con alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 20523 miles, £5495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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KALOS, SX, 2005, abs brakes drivers airbag electric windows power steering, silver, 48000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.2 S, 2007, abs brakes air con cd player electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking isofix child seat points, silver, 27000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 2007, abs brakes air con alloys cd player electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover remote central locking remote audio controls, silver, 23102 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

LACETTI, 1.4 SE, 2007, abs brakes electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 13232 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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MATIZ, 0.8, 2007, abs brakes cd player central locking electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering twin airbags, teal blue, 25325 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats isofix child seat points, silver metallic, 27000 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue metallic, 6000 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2008, abs brakes air con cd player central locking electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags remote central locking isofix child seat points, blue, 36322 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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CROSSFIRE, V6, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser leather interior power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, red, 28000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CROSSFIRE, V6, 2006, abs brakes air con alloys automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, black, 4000 miles, £11995, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, 2003, silver metallic with dark taupe leather, 57000 miles, £3650, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, silver, 37300 miles, £6500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

VOYAGER, LTD AUTO, 2004, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels automatic transmission cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, silver, 73000 miles, £6500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

CITROEN

BERLINGO, Multispace Desire 16v, hv4p4x, remote central locking, power steering, electric windows, twin air bags, colour coded body, head restraints, cloth upholstery, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, anti-theft system, radio cassette, folding rear seats, sky blue metal, 82000 miles, £3499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 600 LX 1.6HDI With Side Loading Door, kr07xw, remote alarm, cloth upholstery, side load door, barn doors, ply-lined, adjustable steering column, abs, air bag, power steering, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, radio, white, 39000 miles, £4000, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, Jiffy Truck Hot & Cold Catering Truck, fe15jy, jiffy hot & cold snack van. large hot display. large cold display. handwash. white, 49000 miles, £5595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

BERLINGO, 600 LX HDI Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, kr07xy, side load door, cd player, electric windows, electric mirrors, immobiliser, remote central locking, gr lined, gah equipment. electric standby available if required. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 27000 miles, £7595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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BERLINGO, LX 600 D Refrigerated Chiller With Standby, iD59my, cd player, electric windows, power steering, remote central locking, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, gr lined, gah fridge. electric standby. over fifty fridge vans in stock. www.BHRV.co.uk, white, 25000 miles, £6495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £10990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, black, 50 miles, £10980, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11100, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, grey, 6978 miles, £11200, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C1, Rhythm, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue metallic, 5000 miles, £6500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C2, SX, 2004, air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 50038 miles, £3500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6, 2008, red, 50 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C2, 1.6, 2008, red, 50 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C3, 5, gf56u, franchise approved remote central locking front electric windows abs air conditioning power steering drivers airbag passenger airbag side airbags immobiliser, blue, 25313 miles, £8295, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C3, 5, gf59fz, 1 registered keeper franchise approved remote central locking electric windows electric windows abs traction control climate control power steering passenger airbag side airbags cruise control alarm immobiliser full leather interior alloys, black, 4000 miles, £11995, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C3, 5, gf58u, remote central locking electric windows electric mirrors abs climate control power steering drivers airbag alloy wheels full service history, tuscan blue, 13000 miles, £9995, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6, 2008, black, 50 miles, £19000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6, 2008, black, 50 miles, £19000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C4, 1.6, 2008, black, 50 miles, £20000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 16V VTi, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, red metallic, 8000 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, Exclusive, 2006, abs brakes air conditioning cd player cruise control diesel electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats remote central locking, blue, 10 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 1.6 DESIRE, 2006, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering tonneau cover remote central locking, sahara gold, 36050 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 1.6TD EXCLUSIVE, 2007, cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights full service history immobiliser metallic paint tonneau cover twin airbags remote central locking, iron grey, 50500 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, Desire, 2003, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, blue, 75000 miles, £3500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 2.0 EXCLUSIVE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover traction control trip computer remote central locking, beige, 27269 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

PICASSO, 2.0 EXCLUSIVE, 2007, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player cruise control electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats tonneau cover traction control trip computer remote central locking, beige, 27269 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, black, 54 miles, £19700, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, black, 55 miles, £19590, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, black, 55 miles, £19580, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

MULTIPLA, 1.9, 2008, black, 55 miles, £19700, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

PANDA, Eleganza, 2004, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, black, 42176 miles, £3500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

PANDA, Active Eco, 2010, abs brakes bluetooth car kit cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking, various, 8 miles, £8900, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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CUTBACKS as the UK grapples with debt means precious little cash for charitable projects, but that shouldn't be too hard on Chatham Historic Dockyard. It has taken more than 25 years for the former naval base to fulfil its destiny to be one of our top heritage destinations. It's been a rough passage, according to Bill Ferris, chief executive of the dockyard trust, but the site is close to balancing the books. Learn more in this week's Big Interview, as the dockyard prepares its latest attraction.



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'Nine out of 10' score for Osborne's debut Budget

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BUSINESSES across Kent were mostly positive about the new Government's debut Budget, but there was concern at a national insurance exemption denied to fledgling firms in the county.



JO JAMES

Fostering new and flexible companies to accelerate the nation's growth out of the debt-ridden doldrums had been widely supported, and Chancellor George Osborne made all the right noises by saying anyone starting a business will get up to £5,000 relief from national insurance (NI) payments for each of their first 10 employees.

But he pointedly excluded the South East and Kent, where 85 per cent of the business community comprises small firms. Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James said: "Business hasn't come out too badly. The Budget was actually better than I anticipated."

But the chamber and associate Backing Kent Business group – comprising other commerce groups, universities and local authorities – would be unable to let the NI decision lie, she said: "We must continue to lobby on that point and for better access to finance for small business – the country needs its small firms to pull it out of recession. We also need particular funding for some of Kent's coastal areas."

But she said Kent business took heart from the positive stance of the Budget, creating confidence at home and abroad and not demoting the UK's credit status.

"It did give a clear plan of how the UK deficit would be reduced; we knew it would be tackled over a short period, which is good for the country, but it is going to be difficult short term."

North Thanet Tory MP Roger Gale also criticised what he saw as unfair NI concessions, particularly for his area. He said: "I hope the Treasury will recognise that, exceptionally in the South East, Thanet still has the highest levels of social deprivation – figures that compare with the North East."

'Sensible package'

"It would be quite wrong to exclude Thanet from the job-creating measures the Chancellor announced and to exclude local private sector employers from a very sensible package."

However, Mr Gale was upbeat about the rest of the Budget: "George Osborne has been faced with the most difficult and unpleasant inheritance of any Chancellor within memory."

"He has reacted with the national interest at the forefront of his mind. We shall all feel the pain, but those with greater assets and income will, proportionally, bear a greater share of the cost of restoring our economy than those at the lower end of the scale, and that is as it should be."

Institute of Directors' county chairman David Philpott marked the Budget "nine out of 10", showing the coalition was serious about tackling the deficit. He added: "It also sends a clear mes-

sage to the stock market and banks that it is the private sector that will lead us out of recession and not increased public spending. The freeze on public sector pay and the slashing of most departmental budgets by 25 per cent shows a determination to get Britain moving again."

"Whereas we are disappointed infrastructure spending will be halved over the next three years, on balance this is an excellent Budget and perhaps more than we could have hoped for."

The construction and property sector was also pleased, despite recognising that spending cuts could slow the recovery. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' director of external affairs, Mark Goodwin, welcomed the decision not to reduce capital spending beyond cuts announced in the March Budget.

He said: "The construction industry is a powerful engine of growth, and we had emphasised in our emergency Budget submission that further cuts in capital spending would have undermined the tentative economic recovery."

"We expect the reduction in corporation tax rates over the next four years will stimulate the commercial occupier market and the wider economy by encouraging greater investment."

"Despite expected cuts to the public sector, regional property markets may also get some help from labour market initiatives to reduce the start-up costs of hiring employees. This may be especially helpful for smaller enterprises."



DAVID PHILPOTT

Port chiefs wasted our time, say ferry firms

FERRY companies locked in a row with Dover Harbour Board over privatisation plans say consultations with port management have been a waste of time, **writes Nick Ames**.

They claim the discussions have not made "one iota of difference to the concerns we have been raising for months" and are talking of legal action to protect their services and jobs.

A spokesman for the ferry lines – Norfolkline, SeaFrance and P&O Ferries – said: "The whole exercise has been pointless. The board has ignored everything we've said and we believe they are simply playing for time, keeping us at bay while they hope their privatisation goes through on the nod."

The operators embarked on consultations after a joint statement in March attacking the port's privatisation plans and use of £60 million of their money provided to fund Terminal 2.

The companies learned that, having paid excess tariffs for three years to fund the new terminal – because DHB's non-profit-making trust status prevents borrowing from other sources – its development was no longer a priority due to the privatisation process and recession.

They were also alarmed to find there would be no obligation on any new harbour owner to actually build it. They are also objecting to a 33



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per cent increase in port charges by 2012.

Helen Deeble, chief executive of P&O Ferries, said: "We were forced to pay higher charges to fund a new development, but it now seems the £60m will simply land up as part of the privatisation assets of the port."

"We have given DHB every opportunity to address our concerns, but they have not done

so and we are at the end of our tether. They have presented one alternative to the present structure, with very little detail and no consultation."

"We are seriously concerned that, with no protection from future tariff increases the very economic model of the ferry industry is threatened, which, in turn, threatens jobs."

Mrs Deeble wrote to shipping minister Mike Penning advising him that talks with DHB were over and, in lieu of any kind of appeals process, P&O Ferries would make a pricing complaint under Section 31 of the Harbours Act 1964.

Norfolkline plans to make a similar objection and may also lobby the EU under European competition law.

SeaFrance UK MD Robin Wilkins, said: "DHB is completely intransigent and acting as though its voluntary privatisation scheme is the only game in town, when there might well be alternatives that would better serve both national and local interests, the commercial interests of the stakeholders, and might better safeguard local employment."

A DHB spokesman said: "We were unaware of the statement by the ferry operators and are continuing discussions with them in order to reach a positive outcome."

Comment

BUSINESS leaders across Kent put on a brave face after this week's Budget. Few would argue with the 'nine out of 10' mark for George Osborne's debut as Chancellor – as quoted by Institute of Directors' county chairman David Philpott.

His Budget was tough – they expected that – but they agreed it sent the right message to the country that sleeves needed rolling up and belts tightening. At least we know where we stand.

Perhaps even more important though, it was the right stance to pose for the stock market and those needing reassurance that Britain's credit rating is still good. But business chiefs looked in vain for more help for the county's commercial bedrock, the small firms that make up 85 per cent of the total based in Kent.

As we said here last week, when questioning Business Secretary Vince Cable's suggestion of Budget backing for the old industrial heartlands of the Midlands and the North, the Government needs to help small and nippy companies like those here, rather than slow and unwieldy concerns from a bygone industrial age.

Well, he must have had a slight change of heart because small firms were given an invaluable national insurance concession, as Business Week's front page story shows – but not in Kent and the South East.

It's no wonder Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James vowed to go back to the Government about this ring-fenced business sweetener.

In reality, it is a surcharge on small Kent businesses who fought so hard even in the depths of the recession. Surely now is the time to back the battle-hardened veterans to take you out of the trenches and over the top?

Instead, the new Government – ironically the one most business people probably wanted, albeit sharing power with the Lib Dems – seems keen to keep this force on short rations while taking it easy on those who wilted in the face of battle.

Of course, we understand the Government wants to get people back to work in more depressed parts of the country, helping local entrepreneurs there and slashing the benefits bills, but it cannot be seen as anything other than a slap in the face in this part of the world. Besides which, as North Thanet MP Roger Gale points out, parts of Kent are also depressed – including his own constituency and other coastal areas.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

Old hands on tiller

By **STEVE LOADER**

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OLDER workers aged 50-plus will provide the economic backbone of the Kent and South East workforce as the region grapples with a demographic timebomb.

Making the Most of Opportunities for Older Workers – a report by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda), urges businesses to review recruitment practices to prepare for a shortfall of candidates for 250,000 jobs by 2020, which will need to be filled by older workers.

According to the Office for National Statistics (ONS), the number of workers in their 40s in the South East will fall by about 140,000 over the next decade, while people in their 50s will increase by about 200,000.

Pre-recession research for Seeda also suggested there were 100,000 economically inactive people aged 50-65 interested in returning to work.

Seeda chairman Rob Douglas said:

"As the economy emerges from recession, retaining the skills and experience of older workers will be vital to the UK's economic growth and competitiveness. Where employers have previously looked to recruit people in their 40s, more and more will need to look to people over 50.

"We know employers can be flexible about their workforce – the way many workers have been retained during the downturn proved this.

"The challenge now to South East employers is to be much more flexible in their approach to recruitment."

The new research followed the 40-70 Tomorrow's Workforce programme, which ran from 2008-10 and focused on eight pilot projects encouraging older people to stay in work and employers to broaden their recruitment pool.

The programme re-engaged 3,500

workers throughout the region and was successful in making businesses aware of the benefits of employing older people.

The Seeda report – likely to be the agency's swansong following this week's Budget decision to axe regional development agencies – also shows employers value older workers for their motivation and loyalty; skills, knowledge and experience; reliability and attention to detail; and empathy with colleagues and customers.

It cites examples from DIY chain B&Q where absenteeism is 39 per cent lower among older workers, and the Nationwide building society where annual recruitment turnover is four per cent for older workers compared with 10 per cent for younger staff.

It also demonstrated how people recruited in their 50s and 60s stay on average for 13 years.

• **For more information or to download a copy of the report, visit www.seeda.co.uk.**

Resort revival tipped by property experts

PROPERTY experts have tipped Folkestone as a possible boom town and a 'new Brighton' – if public consultation on the regeneration of the harbour and seafront end favourably.

Online estate agency network Email4Property.co.uk said plans for a new mixed-use development should stimulate the resort's property prices, which have underperformed in recent years.

According to the Halifax House Price Index, the average property price in Folkestone is £177,033, down on the 2008 average of £197,490, but Email4Property.co.uk spokesman Steve Lees said: "The regeneration of Folkestone's harbour and seafront will help reaffirm its regional and historical importance. If granted, the plans will result in improvements to the harbour and provide improved services and employment, in turn boosting the local economy.

"I would expect to see increasing numbers of buyers drawn to the area, aided by the new high-speed rail link to the capital. There is also likely to be an increase in the number of second homes as holidaymakers continue to turn to traditional British seaside resorts. After a period of bust, Folkestone is set for a property boom."

Mark Taylor, manager at the town's Geering and Colyer estate agency, echoed that view.

"I see property prices rising in the coming years, with the biggest increases likely to be down by the harbour and The Leas, towards the east of Folkestone. With renewed levels of investment Folkestone will become more appealing as a weekend destination as well as for second homes.

"Folkestone could easily follow in Brighton's footsteps, becoming a hub for tourists on the south coast."

'No boundaries' for IT girl Karen

INNOVATIVE use of computer technology has landed a national award for Tunbridge Wells residential home manager Karen Cooper.

The IT Innovator award was presented to her by former GMTV presenter Fiona Phillips at the Great British National Care Home Awards for the statutory, independent and voluntary caring sectors.

Karen's award followed pioneering work at Mount Ephraim House in Tunbridge Wells.

She said: "We're delighted our efforts to introduce IT to our residents have been recognised."

"We installed the Simply Unite computer service at Mount Ephraim and are so pleased to see interest increasing all the time."

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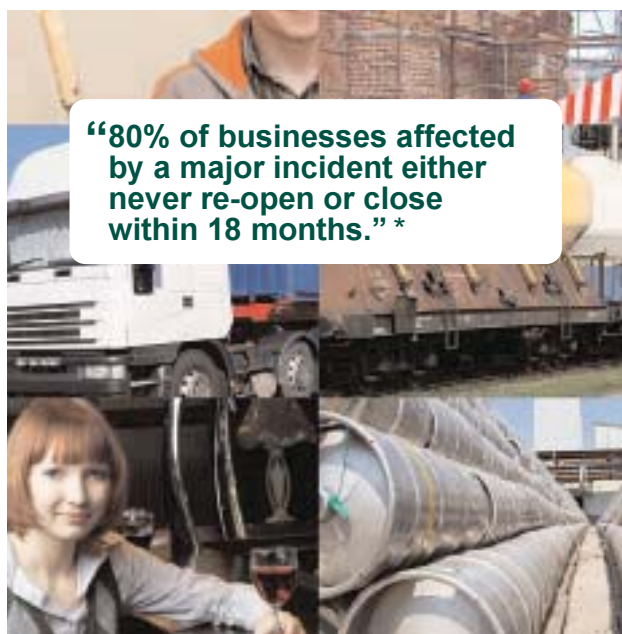
Installing the computer in the main reception allows residents to view family photos and videos, keep up to date with the news and browse the web on a daily basis.

The system has been designed for those who have difficulty using a traditional computer. The award judges said: "This is such a simple yet brilliant concept. Karen's introduction of

a computer system has allowed residents to embrace new technology, stay in contact with friends and family while learning new skills and engaging with other residents, family and staff. Karen's infectious enthusiasm and 'no boundaries' approach is clearly the key to its success."

Karen said: "It's so refreshing to see our residents, some of whom are in their 90s, embracing new technology and learning new skills."

The awards were hosted by the English Community Care Association and included 15 different categories.



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WINNING SMILE: Karen Cooper (centre) accepts the IT Innovator award from Fiona Phillips and Nigel Gittins of sponsor Webroster

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Business Week editor Steve Loader reports on the news from around the county

HARVARD Aviation – a flight training school with some of the highest pass rates in the industry – has opened a branch at Lydd Airport.

The firm, which already has a school at Redhill, has created three new jobs.

Chief flying instructor Taylor Beresford said: "We chose Lydd because its facilities, together with surrounding airspace, make it ideal for all types of pilot training."

Harvard will have one aircraft permanently based at Lydd, with three more at Redhill available when demand arises. The school also has a flight simulator.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car and passenger/cargo air charter company Trans Euro Air have also joined Lydd's roster of companies.

DEMAND for Flybe's daily scheduled passenger services between Kent International at Manston and Edinburgh has led the airline to confirm that the service will be extended for the winter.

Flybe said originally it would operate just five winter flights per week, but Paula Horne, route development manager for Manston owner Infratil, said: "The route generated sales ahead of expectations and shows Kent residents want an easy-to-reach, low-cost airport without the hassle of a journey on the M25."

Flybe's chief commercial officer Mike Rutter said: "Despite industry challenges over the last year and with other airlines limiting their growth, Flybe has been able to step in to fill many of the gaps in service."

FAST-growing international mobile phone and messaging operator Synchronica has signed its 40th operator contract, to mark a 300 per cent increase to its customer base since 2007.

The Tunbridge Wells-based company now has 660 million end-users around the world. Its Mobile Gateway software offers email, internet and social networking to even the most basic handsets.

CEO Carsten Brinkschulte said: "Welcoming Synchronica's 40th customer is an exciting landmark for us. It reaffirms our strategy of focusing our efforts on high-growth emerging markets, and investing in product developments that best meet the needs of customers in these regions."

KENT candidates have their last chance to enter the National Business Awards in partnership with Orange, which aim to find business leaders and entrepreneurs who take a unique approach to challenges.

Entries close on July 1 and past winners include Go Ape, the outward-bound attraction at Bedgebury Pinetum.

Go Ape founder Tristram Mayhew said: "Applying for the National Business Award was in itself a good business discipline since it required a rigorous assessment of our strengths and weakness. Going on to win has been a great boost."

WIND farm activity and projects were among the more unusual courses on show at a Swale Skills Centre taster day this week. The centre is designed to deliver training in construction, engineering and green sustainable technologies to those aged 14 years and above, with qualifications including diplomas, NVQs, BTECs and apprenticeships.

ITALIAN coffee shop chain Costa has opened a new store in Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, creating 10 jobs including 'baristas' – Italian for coffee expert. It marks an investment of £250,000 at the store, which joins a chain of 1,000 across the UK. The company, founded in 1971, is now part of Whitbread.

Flying start to tourist season is silver lining

INTERNATIONAL chaos sparked by the Icelandic volcano proved to be a boost to Kent's growing tourism market, *writes Business Editor Steve Loader.*

It allowed the county's travel alternatives to air – including cross-Channel ferries and the new high-speed rail services – to give this year's tourist season a flying start.

The county also became a safe haven for tourists whose Continental travel plans were hit by the strength of the euro against sterling.

According to tourism promoter Visit Kent and its 'business barometer', there has been a 20 per cent increase this year in the number of passengers and cars taking advantage of cross-Channel services and a 27 per cent boost in coach traffic compared with last year.

Serviced accommodation providers in Dover enjoyed a 17 per cent increase in staying guests directly due to the ash cloud.

And Kent visitor attractions benefited from the strong euro, performing three per cent better overall than the South East average in the first three months of this year.

Regional tourism was generally poor early on though, primarily due to poor weather from January into March as well as concerns about the economy. Nevertheless, tourist chiefs say they were heartened by inquiries through visitor information centres at key gateways such as Dover, Ashford and Canterbury.

"They say every cloud has a silver lining and this certainly proved to be a real opportunity



UNDER A CLOUD: But the Iceland volcanic ash plume wasn't all bad news for business

to showcase our county," said Visit Kent chief executive Sandra Matthews-Marsh.

"Thousands took advantage of our county's excellent transport links to travel to and from Europe when planes were grounded as a result of the volcanic eruptions."

"Our links to mainland Europe also meant our tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses have been able to entertain significantly more visitors, taking advantage of the strong

euro. Our tourism, leisure and hospitality providers worked hard to ensure the additional visitors were given a warm welcome and as much assistance as possible while they rearranged their itineraries.

"We are delighted that so many visitors, who may have just passed through our county, decided to stay for a few days and explore.

"Hopefully, many will return for a more relaxed, scheduled visit in the future."



OLD AND NEW: Hornby's Hitachi Javelin high-speed model

Track and field gold

HORNBY – the Kent-based toy and model maker – is aiming for gold at the 2012 London Olympics after a fall-off in profits.

The Margate firm had benefited from much stronger sales last Christmas than for the 2008 festive season, and has also overcome problems with Chinese suppliers that dogged sales.

However, the fallout and currency fluctuations meant a fall in pre-tax profits to March, 2010, from £6.1 million to £5.2m, despite a near six per cent sales rise. Investors were happier though, after an increased dividend and a cut in Hornby's debt to £3.2m from £11.8m, the latter largely caused by acquisition of another modelling icon, Corgi.

In an upbeat report on the company and its brands, which include Scalextric, Airfix and Humbrol, chief executive Frank

Martin said: "Hornby is in excellent shape. We have agreed exciting new licences, including collaboration with Disney/Pixar to produce products from the new Toy Story 3 movie.

"Importantly, we continue to introduce merchandise associated with the London 2012 Olympics. We expect these product lines to perform well as we get closer to the Games."

The spin-offs include a train set based on Kent's new high-speed Javelin service which will take visitors to venues in London, as well as model taxis and buses in Olympics livery and models of 2012 mascots, Wenlock and Mandeville.

Branded models featuring the McLaren Mercedes F1 team and drivers Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton have also been agreed to boost the Scalextric brand.



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'My Business Week ...'

By Kevin Saunders, the general manager of tourist attraction Haguelands Village at Burmarsh, Shepway

MONDAY: Early start in readiness for a very busy week as we prepare for hectic summer season. No two days are ever the same – not surprising when you consider we have Kent's largest maize maze, livestock, a farm shop, bistro, conference facilities, a cookery school and lots more on site. Viewed our livestock – a 25-strong herd of alpacas plus giant bunnies and more – before assessing what was ready to pick from our garden and what was needed from local suppliers.

Refreshed shop's products before hunting the yard for materials to salvage for the new maze.

Also spoke with liaison officer regarding schools open day. We're using Sagittarius Marketing of Folkestone for a new promotional campaign and called my account handler, Tanya, to sign off artwork. The weekend is already a distant memory ...

TUESDAY: Collected eggs from farm on the way in before confirming an outside catering booking. Found time to write a blog for Facebook page before heading off to interview staff for our maize maze. Excellent standard of candidates. Visited local caravan parks to discuss selling tickets for Haguelands before heading to a primary school to judge their scarecrow competition. Then on to Pent



Valley School to brief the art class on their summer project of painting all the visuals for this year's maze theme – a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

WEDNESDAY: Prepared for Birse Coastal Business meeting in our conference centre and ensured the bistro had ingredients for the delegates' meals. Visited the maze to assess growing pattern, before contacting agronomist to discuss a few issues. Just had time to speak to Sagittarius about new website – www.haguelandsvillage.co.uk – before a management meeting to discuss business plan and agree budgets for the summer. Back to the office to finalise details of a barn dance on Friday.

THURSDAY: Carried out a back-to-work interview with returning member of staff who has been on sick leave, before talking to my agency to put finishing touches to a local radio competition. Cashed up mid-week and sub-let a chiller trailer and confirmed a big chiller trailer booking. Stopped off to refresh the shop before leaving a list of jobs for staff working in the bistro, farm shop and maze.

FRIDAY: Another early start to deliver a chiller trailer to Glastonbury and returned by mid-afternoon to check over the set-up for the barn dance that evening.

There's life in the

Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust next month puts in place one of the last sections of a jigsaw that has taken 26 years to piece together. It was in 1984 that the White Ensign was finally hauled down on the naval base, closing a military history that had included Nelson and Drake.

The future looked rosy though, with the Thatcher government pledging £20 million to launch a new project – a charitable trust charged with preserving a precious monument to Britain's maritime past and educating future generations about its significance. But it's not been plain sailing, as the trust's 'skipper' Bill Ferris told KOS Media Business Editor STEVE LOADER



BILL FERRIS

PAST visitors to Chatham Historic Dockyard will know this view – 'the good, the bad and the ugly'.

Emerging from the well-preserved entrance to the 80-acre site, the good was the magnificent skyline away to starboard, comprising elegant covered slipways where famous 'wooden-walled' warships were built to defend trade and fight wars.

Just beyond these are the soaring wooden spars of HMS Gannet – an executor of the gunboat diplomacy favoured by Gladstone – and the steely superstructure of HMS Cavalier, representing the heroism of the Navy's destroyer fleets in World War Two. But even these impressive sights could not distract for long from the 'bad and the ugly' – a fenced off square of waste ground and concrete and the tumbledown No1 Smithery, dead ahead and to port respectively.

But this blot on the copybook has been erased by a magnificent restoration; the Smithery reopens on July 24 as a £13 million gallery and museum, housing collections from the Imperial War Museum and National Maritime Museum. The Smithery – where anchors and other shipboard ironmongery was forged – has been transformed from the forlorn sight it already was when the Navy locked the doors some 10 years before the naval



VISION: The restored Smithery opens next month

base closed, and it now looks out on to Museum Square, a smart plaza where visitors can stroll to all points of the dockyard compass or simply picnic and enjoy the sights.

The trust's enthusiastic chief executive, Bill Ferris, can hardly contain himself as this key section of the site's restoration is eased into place – the dockyard project looks complete even if there are still details awaiting attention. It has been a slog, though.

Bill's light-hearted account of years of negotiations on funding and grant aid, masks much hard work and drawing from a well of experience on Millennium and National Lottery funding for other heritage projects before his appointment to the dockyard in 2000.

"People used to come here expecting a Portsmouth Dockyard with famous ships like HMS Victory... which is, of course, actually a Chatham-built ship," he said, pulling a face.

"The reality is that Chatham has struggled. It has been said before – Portsmouth has the ships and we 'only' have the buildings. "But we are the bigger site and we own all the infrastructure. The potential was always enormous and the ships we have are important in their own ways."

Unfortunately though, the buildings have been both the trust's biggest assets and greatest liabilities.

Slashed

The original Government grant of £20m – quietly slashed to £11m soon afterwards – was soon gobbled up just making the properties wind and weathertight and trying to employ them without jeopardising top-drawer preservation orders. As a result, the early trust management made little progress on a three-pronged development plan: tourism/education, business/rental and housing. "Early assessments of the buildings were unrealistic – a lot looked useable but actually weren't, due to a long legacy of neglect as the base ran down," said Bill.

He won't take the credit, but the records show that things began to change after his appointment 10 years ago; a sound background in accountancy and business studies plus hands-on experience of running a bakery business in his native Devon – he was born in Tavistock – married to 12 years' experience in the heritage sector, pulled the dockyard ship back on course.

Slowly but surely, with a mix of Government cash, grants, contra deals and commercial acumen, the site has developed into a 'working heritage showcase' with 140 commercial tenants, a steadily rising visitor count – 170,000 last year – and 112 elegant 18th/19th century homes.

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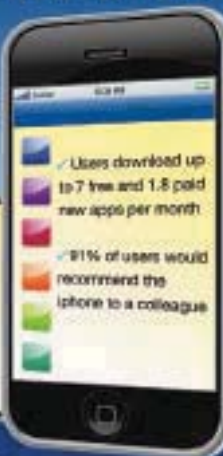
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levels of scheduled protection, which is good but it made them extremely expensive to do up," said Bill. "But they are probably now worth up to a million apiece and compare well with properties in the likes of Blackheath and Greenwich, although they would be worth £2.5m there – Medway has a little catching up to do."

Which touches upon one of the dockyard's other inbuilt obstacles: location.

Bill explained how many top attractions grouped together can feed off each other, whereas the dockyard stands alone as a major attraction in its area, though he is also quick to point out there is more on-site to entertain serious visitors than they can digest in a day – one reason the trust now allows multiple visits during the ensuing year for anyone buying an entrance ticket.

Against all odds though, Bill and his team – and he is quick to praise the "passion and detailed knowledge" of those who have joined him or been there even longer – are edging closer to generating the £4m a year needed to make the site self-sustaining.

Ventures

He concedes this could not be better timed as the Government inevitably looks for savings as it tackles the UK's debt mountain.

The dockyard's finances have been helped lately by co-operative ventures that fit the trust's original brief to the letter: appropriate preservation and education about the site's significance to the nation.

One is the arrival of the Universities of Medway joint venture between several of the county's educational sites, which has created a college campus at the dockyard and will bring another education tie-up to be announced shortly.

The other is a three-way partnership between the trust and the Imperial War and National Maritime museums to create the new display space at No1 Smithery.

"Museums nationwide have been under pressure to display many of the treasures they have stored away," explained Bill.

"And we needed to spend millions refurbishing No1 Smithery while the National Maritime, for instance, needed to spend large sums just finding somewhere to store stuff it was also being told to get on display."

By pooling grant aid and compiling a wide-ranging application to the Lottery, the co-operative venture was born, he added, including the Smithery's innovative



ANCHOR MAN: Bill Ferris has guided the Historic Dockyard through choppy waters

National Treasures Gallery, where the best of 4,000 exhibits from partner museums can be displayed and researchers can apply to access those that are not.

An art gallery within the Smithery will also show touring collections, starting with a six-month display of paintings showing shipbuilding on the Clyde by Sir Stanley Spencer – a restoration campaign for these scenes was led by Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson, whose father and other family members worked in the yards during Spencer's commission there.

The title of the exhibition? Resonance and Renewal – it could also be the title for the dockyard story.

BILL FERRIS'S CV

- Trained as accountant, gaining first-class honours degree in managerial and administrative studies at University of Aston.
- 1982 Ran his own wholesale and retail bakery business in Devon.
- 1988 Joined heritage sector by becoming the first commercial manager at the Yorkshire Mining Museum (now the National Museum of Coalmining).
- 1990 Joined Heritage Projects and worked on two former attractions, A Day at the Wells in Tunbridge Wells and Dover's White Cliffs Experience, before promotion to a national role as operations director, involving him in nationally known attractions such as the Jorvik Viking Centre and Canterbury Tales.
- 2000 Became chief executive at Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust. He is also on the boards of Tourism South East and Visit Kent.



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BILL'S TOP TIPS

• **Lateral thinking.** Even when faced with seemingly immovable restrictions such as the preservation orders of the dockyard's historic buildings there can be an answer: "The old armour plate shop was, frankly, an eyesore and we were racking our brains to think what to do with it before realising it would be the perfect home for the dockyard's vintage steam locomotives, which would then be seen by more visitors – so it's now the Railway Workshop, which also includes the picnic and play area."

• **Persistence.** In the charity world there are no quick fixes: "People would say, 'Why not get McDonald's to put a restaurant in that building – that'll preserve it'. Well, not only would that be inappropriate, but it also wouldn't bring in as much money as you think and it will certainly lock you out of potential grant aid."

• **Passion.** If you don't show it, how can you expect others to back your plans with partnerships or grant aid?

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SUTTON Valence School near Maidstone, one of the UK's oldest independent schools – is launching a new careers advice strategy for its 520 pupils.

Christine Carter has now

been appointed head of careers to deliver a programme including:

- A structured plan for all pupils, with careers education built into the curriculum.
- Partnership with Connexions, the Kent schools career advisory service.
- Psychometric testing for fourth formers, including tests on logic, verbal ability, spatial and mechanical awareness, and best use of their personal strengths.

- Individually tailored career plans for every pupil from the fifth form onwards.

- The biggest-ever careers fair at the school, with more than 40 exhibitors to help pupils explore career options from finance to architecture, marketing to medicine.

- Talks by representatives of the Armed Forces.

- A careers section on the schools intranet, accessible by pupils and parents, linked to specialist Pathfinder and Odyssey careers software.

- A CV writing and interview skills workshop for fifth and sixth formers.

Ms Carter worked in HR for GEC Avionics and Kent County Council before joining Sutton Valence School 11 years ago as chief librarian.

She said: "I firmly believe it's never too early to lay the foundations for career planning, so children have the skills to help them think about what they would like to do after they leave formal education."

"Our philosophy is one of lifelong learning, equipping pupils to achieve their maximum potential academically and helping them make the best choices for university and future career."



CHRISTINE CARTER

A good degree alone can't help graduates avoid 'career killers'

GRADUATES in Kent trying to get a foot on the career ladder have been offered some 'tough love'.

Government figures show there are 2.51 million unemployed in the UK and even a top degree does not guarantee entry to the career of your choice, according to David Amos, a director at Pitman Training, which operates seven business, IT and secretarial training centres in Kent.

He said: "You have to be able to prove to a potential employer you have more than an academic qualification to offer his or her business."

"You need a raft of practical skills, a fantastic attitude and – most importantly – you need to do your homework."

Bruce Woodcock, careers adviser at the University of Kent, agreed: "However good your degree, or however relevant your subject to the career you'll be applying for, it's likely you will be competing for this job with other graduates who are equally well qualified academically."

"Once your degree has unlocked the door, you'll need the right mix of skills, abilities and personal qualities in order to turn the handle and give the door the push."

Mr Amos cites four common 'career killers':

By **STEVE LOADER**

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- 'It doesn't matter if my CV doesn't look great, I'll sell myself at interview.'

Without a good CV, you'll never get that interview. Your CV is you in a nutshell: your qualifications, experience, skills and interests. Research how a professional CV should look and what it should include. It also needs a covering letter showing your passion for the role.

- 'I'll write a standard letter to lots of companies – one of them might bite.'

No employer wants to be one of a list of companies you've written to. Whether it's a speculative letter or email, make sure you personalise it.

"If I receive a letter to 'Dear Sir', or an email to 'info@', and the author clearly has no idea what my organisation does, I won't even bother replying," said the MD of one medium-sized firm in the county.

"However, if someone has bothered to find out my name and to do some research into what my business does

and where they could fit in, I'll definitely take time to read their CV."

- 'So what if my IT skills aren't great – at university I got a first in economics.'

Most organisations, whatever the sector, rely on computers. Faced with two first-class graduates, one with certificates in software packages used in your business and the other in need of training, which would you pick?

Mr Woodcock said: "Short courses in practical skills such as computing, business, and book-keeping can be of immense help in making you more employable. Computer skills are one of the most important things on the wish list of potential employers."

"Being competent in word-processing, databases, spreadsheets, the internet and email are all seen as desirable if not essential skills."

- 'I'm not going to dress like someone I'm not – they'll have to take me as I am.'

Put yourself in the position of a potential employer. The interviewer is looking for someone who not only fits the job, but also a culture. Your personality needs to shine through, but make a mark with what you can bring to a role and not with wild clothes, a funky haircut, piercings or tattoos.

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The Budget and your business



AS THE coalition Government's emergency Budget showed this week, it is possible for organisations with different ideals to form successful alliances.

And Kent accountancy firm Horwath Clark Whitehill (HCW), reckons businesses looking to boost profitability should consider following our leaders' example.

Simon Warne (pictured right), tax partner at HCW – which has offices in Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone – said: "The Budget took place out of necessity, but forming a partnership doesn't have to occur purely when a situation is considered an emergency.

"It can be an excellent way of accessing new markets, finance and distribution networks and, of course, it means shared costs and risk.

"Businesses often believe working alone is the only option, but teaming up with like-minded companies can be beneficial for everyone. In fact, even those with quite different opinions can work together, as David Cameron and Nick Clegg seem to be proving.



"Although there are formal arrangements that can be made, such as limited partnerships, you don't have to go down that route.

"Simply working more closely with companies in a similar sector can be extremely advantageous. A joint venture could be something as simple as a trading agreement between two parties.

"Sharing clients, contacts, data and knowledge makes sense providing the relationship is based on trust and customers' details are respected. It can work particularly well for smaller companies when teaming up can help them to compete against larger rivals."

And, says Mr Warne, organisations do not have to choose just one company to work more closely with.

"The most important thing to keep in mind is the arrangement should embrace collaboration rather than competition. If you know of several companies that you could sensibly work with, then why not do so?

"It could be you already know a select group of organisations you want to get to know better or you could seek advice from.

"Your professional advisers are likely to have access to a vast network of organisations and may well know of some that would be ideal partners for your business."

A joint venture can take various forms including an unlimited or limited partnership, a limited company or simply a trading agreement between two parties. Legal advice is imperative and an agreement should be formed that clearly states what each party offers in terms of tangible and intangible assets, as well as the strategic aim of the relationship, how the venture will be managed and controlled, and the exit strategies.

Mr Warne added: "There are many things to consider when embarking on a partnership and it is vital to take professional advice. The legal and taxation treatment of joint ventures will vary greatly, depending on the exact form of the structure, but when deciding on the most suitable form, tax efficiency should definitely be considered, as well as where the assets of the venture will be held.

"Obviously there are risks involved in forming a close relationship with other businesses, whether they are formal or not. You may lose money, credibility or find you gain nothing in return, so it's important to have a robust joint venture agreement and an exit strategy.

"However, joint ventures can offer flexibility for all parties, suit each partner's objectives and could be an ideal vehicle to help you achieve your commercial goals."

The Budget – a summary of key changes affecting business, by Warners Solicitors

DURING the election campaign, George Osborne nailed his colours firmly to the mast of a deficit reduction strategy.

He has not disappointed, but questions remain over whether the expenditure cuts and mixture of tax increases and decreases in the Budget will depress growth and have the desired effect in the medium term.

- **Corporation Tax:** the main rate of Corporation Tax (CT), applicable to companies with taxable profits over £1.5 million will be reduced from 28 to 27 per cent on April 1, 2011. Thereafter, it will fall one per cent each year until reaching 24 per cent on April 1, 2014.

The CT rate for small companies (those with taxable profits below £300,000) will decrease from 21 to 20 per cent from April 1, next year.

The general thrust of the changes is to make trading by means of a limited company, and basing a company in the UK, more attractive.

With the recent Companies Act (2006) now fully implemented, the UK now has a much more attractive legislative and tax regime than previously. Further CT reforms are expected to be announced this autumn.

- **Capital Allowances:** from April 1, 2012, for companies, and April 6, 2012, for unincorporated businesses, the rate at which capital expenditure attracts CT relief will be reduced, from 20 to 18 per cent annually for items allocated to the 'main rate pool' and from 10 to eight per cent for items in the 'special rate pool' (such as long-life assets, integral features, etc).

The annual investment allowance will also be reduced from April, 2012, from £100,000 to £25,000.

- **General:** the rate of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) applying to any gains above the basic rate Income Tax band (£37,400 for 2010-11) has increased from 18 to 28 per cent.

However, business investors will be cheered by the fact that the lifetime limit for Entrepreneurs' Relief has been increased from £2m to £5m. The rate of CGT on gains qualifying for Entrepreneurs' Relief remains at 10 per cent.

- **VAT:** the standard rate of VAT rises from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent on January 4, 2011. Items which are exempt or zero-rated for VAT purposes, or upon which VAT is charged at the reduced rate of five per cent, are unaffected.

Rates applicable to businesses using the flat rate VAT scheme will also change – see www.hmrc.gov.uk/budget2010/ba45.pdf – while the turnover limit for the flat rate scheme rises from £225,000 to £230,000.

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Timeline

KOS Media sport takes a look at the highlights of all the sporting action from the last 50 years

1960 50 YEARS AGO: ARTHUR Phebey, veteran of 327 appearances for Kent, said he thought the county cricket club probably played at too many grounds, but admitted he wouldn't have it any other way.

Responding to the suggestion that the county should move to a new permanent headquarters, in either Maidstone or the metropolitan area, Phebey said: "I can't imagine a central ground being a paying proposition for any length of time. I don't think the county is sufficiently densely populated to guarantee a regular following, particularly in midweek."

Phebey said the idea Kent should follow Surrey's lead by moving to the inner London area was a non-starter after a county game at Blackheath attracted an "incredibly poor" attendance.

1985 25 YEARS AGO: SIMON Hinks scored 95, his best first-class score to date, as Kent made their highest ever run chase to beat Surrey by six wickets in the Nat West Trophy at Canterbury.

Surrey's Sidcup-born batsman Graham Clinton smashed 146 as Surrey made 293 for 8 from their 60 overs, but Hinks and Mark Benson (78) got Kent off to a flying start in the run chase, with a record stand of 188.

"I played a few shots in the first two overs, then some loose ones in the third," Hinks said. "Mark came down the wicket and told me not to try anything special and not to think about the big target we were chasing."

Hinks' only frustration was falling five runs short of a maiden century, but Kent reached their target with two overs to spare.

Elsewhere, future Kent player Trevor Ward, then 17, hit a staggering 221 in just 23 overs for Hextable School – his side's total was 248 – as they thrashed Oakwood Park in the final of the Kent section of the under-17 national cup.

Gillingham turned down Coventry's bid of £175,000 for Tony Cascarino.

2000 10 YEARS AGO: ANDY Hessenthaler was named Gillingham's new manager after Peter Taylor joined Leicester City.

"My relationship with the players will change," he said. "It will be difficult because I've played with so many of them for so long, but now I'm the manager, I will have to make decisions they won't like. That's part of the job."

Chairman Paul Scally described Hessenthaler's partnership with new assistant Steve Butler as a dream ticket for the Priestfield club.

Slovenia choose Kent Olympic gymnasts to prepare for Games at Pegasus

By STEVE TERVET

SLOVENIA'S top gymnasts will warm up for the 2012 London Olympics in Kent after signing a deal to use Pegasus Gymnastics Club as their pre-Games training venue.

The club, based in Bearsted, finalised the agreement on Saturday with Klemen Bedenik, president of the Slovenian Gymnastic Federation, on day two of the Pegasus Open at Maidstone Leisure Centre.

Pegasus has built a strong relationship with the Slovenians over the past few years, with gymnasts visiting Maribor to train and compete, and director Fef Griffin says that played a key role in securing the partnership.

"We've been working really hard on it," she said. "We've been over there several times during the last couple of years and these kind of agreements are not made by a single telephone call. Sport's all about contacts and mutual benefit – they've been very good to us when we've been over there, and we've done the same when they've come here."

Apparatus

"One thing that has helped us is the Kent Sport Leisure and Olympic Service – they've been helping us improve the apparatus in the club. By 2012, we will have a full set of equipment from the same manufacturer who will be supplying the Olympics. I'd like to think it will be in place by the end of 2011, but there's still a lot of money to find."

The Slovenian gymnasts must first qualify for the Olympics through the World Championships, which take place in Rotterdam in October.

Their preparations at Pegasus will then commence next summer and they will return to the UK to compete at an Olympic control event at the O2 arena in December, 2011, or January, 2012.

Griffin said: "What will happen won't just be



Pictures: HELEN COOPER



IMPRESSED: Slovenian gymnastics team (left) have signed a deal to use Pegasus Gymnastics Club as their pre-Olympic base

"The Olympic Village opens on July 13 so they'll probably be coming for at least two weeks before that to start their systematic training programme."

"It's hard to qualify for the Olympics so I hope they manage to do that. Gymnastics is not about hitting a standard, like athletics – there are a limited number of places and they have to qualify through the World Championships."

The visit of Slovenia will be another feather in the club's cap, after Pegasus were named club of the year at the Gymnastics England Development Awards.

Ionut Trandaburu picked up the award for development coach of the year, Laura Fowler was named young volunteer of the year and Rob Ward was handed an individual education award.

in 2012. The pre-Olympic funding can be accessed a year before the Games, so they will start serious preparations this time next year.

Licence mix-up stalls outdoor fight night

ORGANISERS of an open-air boxing night in Kent plan to reschedule after the initial date had to be cancelled due to a licensing problem.

Several of the county's boxers were lined up for the event, with Chatham heavyweight Tom Dallas due to top the bill in front of his home fans. About 1,500 spectators were

expected, with the ring to be set up in the centre circle at Lordswood Football Club's Martyn Grove ground in Medway.

The date had been set for July 10, but last week it emerged organisers had not applied for a specific licence needed when hosting a boxing night.

Mark Roe, Dallas' promoter and one of the event's organisers, was frustrated with the decision, but admitted it had been an oversight.

He said: "Perhaps we overlooked everything in respect of having that special licence in place because we were putting it on in a stadium. Being a sports and social club they have football, rugby and cricket up there and we thought there was no problem."

The proceeds from the night were due to benefit both the club and military charity, the Household Cavalry Casualties Fund.

Despite the good intentions, a joint statement from Kent Police in Medway and Medway Council made it clear it could not go ahead without the licence.

It read: "We fully support charities that raise money for Britain's soldiers and are very keen to work with Mr Roe to make sure he is able to run an event during the summer for this."

"Unfortunately, Mr Roe only told us of this event at the beginning of this week, though, and this has left no time to get a licence in place for July 10."

"As it is a boxing event, and due to the fact that around 1,500 people will attend, it needs a licence under the Licensing Act 2003."

"This is a process that takes up to two



TOP OF THE BILL: Boxer Tom Dallas (right)

months as we, and other agencies such as the police and St John Ambulance, need to make sure that it will be properly staged and safe for all those attending."

The council provided details of alternative venues which may be able to host the event on July 10, but Roe would rather reschedule than change location. He is hopeful an application can be submitted this week, which could allow the show to go ahead in late August.



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Joseph back for Kent

Stevens heads off for England duty but seamer returns after year out



before a ball was bowled, while Joseph hasn't appeared for the first-team in more than a year after undergoing surgery on a dislocated shoulder.

Joseph looks almost certain to feature in the three-day game against Pakistan starting on Monday in Canterbury, while Nel has an outside chance of making an appearance after resuming bowling in the nets.

While the pair may not be rushed back into the 20-over format, it's hoped Joseph at least will be firing on all cylinders and available for the championship game against Hampshire at the Rose Bowl next Monday.

Farbrace said: "Robbie Joseph certainly has an excellent chance of playing against Pakistan but I don't think Nel is quite so nailed on that he will play, but he has an outside chance.

"When we go to the Rose Bowl we could be in the fantastic position of having Joseph and Amjad Khan in our side, which would be great."

The likes of Simon Cook, Rob Key, Martin van Jaarsveld and Geraint Jones are all likely to be rested for tomorrow's visit of Pakistan, with Kent looking to give some of their promising youngsters, such as James Goodman and Adam Ball some valuable experience.

Play on starts at 10.30am on Monday at St Lawrence.



INTERNATIONAL: Yannick Elliott is hoping good form for Gravesend will catch the attention of national selectors

Gravesend sign Elliott in bid for promotion

GRAVESEND'S push for promotion from Division Three of the Kent Cricket League has been given a touch of West Indian flair by the addition of a Jamaican international all-rounder, **writes Steve Tervet.**

Yannick Elliott made his debut for the Caribbean island in 2008 after a series of spectacular displays for club side Melbourne Kangaroos, and is now keen to remind the national selectors of his credentials with a successful season in north Kent.

Playing overseas for the first time, Elliott has made a mixed start at Gravesend, but has promised the best is yet to come as he adapts to alien conditions.

"It's the first time I've been out of the Caribbean," he said. "The wickets are different but the cricket standard is okay, nothing I can complain about. I didn't start well, I'm still trying to pick up my best ability.

Jamaica

"I'm scheduled to be here until September and I'm aspiring to get back into the Jamaica team. It all depends on my performances – I hope they'll be watching to see how I do here."

Last year, Elliott was named man-of-the-match as Melbourne defeated Manchester Lions to lift their third successive All-Island Limited-Overs title.

The 24-year-old's most recent appearance for the club was in the Jamaican Super Cricket League against St Ann on May 8, a week before he made his Gravesend bow against Upchurch.

Predominantly a batsman, Elliott also bowls occasional off-spin and has already rubbed shoulders with a number of top-class performers back home.

The Melbourne squad includes a trio of West Indies Test players – Carlton Baugh, Nikita Miller and Donovan Pagon, while legendary fast bowler Courtney Walsh is the club's president and coach.

Elliott said: "I can't really complain, there have been a lot of [career] highlights for me so far. I was recommended by the cricket board back home so [Gravesend] called an administrator from the cricket board and he contacted me. We have a great chance to come in the top two, but we just need to be consistent."

By **GLENN PEARSON**

THE LOSS of key players Darren Stevens and James Tredwell to England Lions duty will be tempered by the return of seam bowlers Robbie Joseph and Dewald Nel this week.

Stevens has been rewarded for his rich vein of form this season with a first call-up for the England Lions which is an indication the national selectors believe he still has the potential to play international cricket.

Tredwell's inclusion means he remains the second spinner to Graeme Swann, certainly in the longer form of the game, but while their call-ups for the triangular series with West Indies A and India A next week is one of huge satisfaction for all at Kent, the loss of two experienced players will be a blow to an already skeleton-thin squad.

Head coach Paul Farbrace said: "It is a bit of a double-edged sword really because you are excited for them but inside you are thinking 'they are two players we could do without losing at this stage' but it's fantastic for them and we have to just get on with it really.

"Some might be surprised [Stevens] has been picked at his age, but for me they must be thinking he can play international cricket, you wouldn't pick someone for the Lions if you didn't expect them to go on and play for England.

"It gives him an opportunity and we just

hope he goes on and continues to play the way that he has played for us because if he does, he'll show what a high quality player he is."

Both Stevens and Tredwell will play in today's Friends Provident t20 trip to Sussex before joining up with the Lions squad this evening.

While they miss the next three t20 games, bowlers Joseph and Nel are nearing a return to action after lengthy spells on the sidelines with injury. Nel, a winter signing from Scotland, has played just once after suffering a back injury



Skinner racing for a GB place

A PLACE in Great Britain's team at the European Athletics Championships is at stake for Mike Skinner this evening as he pits his wits against the country's finest 5,000-metre runners.

The Blackheath & Bromley athlete will take his place among a 22-strong field for the Aviva European trials and UK Championships at Birmingham's Alexander Stadium.

Skinner's most recent outing was over 10,000m at the European Cup in Marseille three weeks ago, where he ran to an eighth-placed finish in a time of 29.44.75.

He had hoped to run inside the Commonwealth Games qualifying time, but fell short and has now dropped to the shorter distance in order to build his training for further attempts over 10,000m.

The race, the 13th of 18 track events today, is due to get underway at 6.42pm and while Skinner admits his focus rests firmly with his favoured long-distance event, he will gladly take any success in Birmingham.

He said: "I didn't have a great time at 10K in the European Cup, but I think that was mainly to the hot conditions. I decided to step down to 5,000m at the trials to enhance my chances of achieving the 10K qualifying time.

"However, it is a national championships so we will see how the race goes as to qualifying for the European Championships."

Visit our website at www.kentnews.co.uk for details of how the county's other top track and field athletes fared in this weekend's championships.



TRIALS: Kent's Mike Skinner

House up against star names in title defence

KRISTIAN House feels Sunday's national road race championship at Pendle is wide open, with a host of star names vying for the title the Aylesham rider won in Wales a year ago.

The 30-year-old defends his jersey in Lancashire today against what is potentially a star-studded field.

"It's a one-day race and I'll be going in with that kind of mindset," House said. "I've ridden the course and it is hard, but it's not quite as hard as people have been making out.

"The roads are narrow and I don't think it'll be a mass sprint, but I think there'll be a few people there at the end. There really is quite a big list of names of people who could win this race."

The highest-profile squad in British Cycling, Team Sky are expected to send a six-man team to Lancashire, but Steve Cummings has been rested ahead of next week's Tour de France, and Bradley Wiggins is also expected to skip the race.

Team Columbia's Mark Cavendish is in doubt after crashing heavily in the Tour of Switzerland last week.

House says although he respects the Continental-based professionals, he doesn't fear them.

"If you're asking if I'm looking out for anyone, I don't really race that way," he said. "But Dave Millar will definitely be strong, plus Peter Kennaugh and Russel Downing, maybe even Jeremy Hunt and Roger Hammond."

House is happy with his own form, but says he will sacrifice his chances for his Rapha Condor team-mates if the circum-



CHAMP: Kristian House defends title today

stances of the race dictate. For the first time the race is being televised live on British Eurosport, from 3pm.

Picture: CHERRY KING

Players seek Open access

County golfers bid to qualify for place at St Andrews

By **TOM HOWARD**

A GROUP of nine golfers from the county are just 36 holes away from teeing off with the likes of Tiger Woods at next month's Open Championship at St Andrews.

The Kent contingent, including former European Tour professional Jamie Spence, will line up in next week's final qualifying tournament after progressing through the regional event at The London Club, near Ash this week.

Tunbridge Wells golfer Spence will be joined by Daniel Casey (The London Club), Matt Ford (Tudor Park), Michael Davenport (Stonelees), Jordan Godwin (Rochester & Cobham Park), Todd Adcock (Nevill), Zane Scotland (Prince's), Michael Bush (Rochester & Cobham Park) and Jerome Titlow (London Club), who will all battle to secure one of the 12 Open Championship spots available on July 15.

Final qualifying, which is split into four links venues in Scotland, begins on Tuesday.

Experienced

One man hoping to turn back the years is two-time European Tour winner Spence. The 47-year-old, who enjoyed an 18-year stint on the European Tour which came to an end in 2007, reached final qualifying after carding an impressive 67 to finish sixth in regional qualifying.

The experienced professional, who won the 1992 European Masters and the 2000 Moroccan Open, has played in three Open



Picture: GETTY IMAGES

VETERAN: Ex-European Tour player Jamie Spence is aiming to qualify for the Open at St Andrews (inset) where he finished tied 22nd in 1990

Championships, with the 1997 tournament his last. His best-ever finish of tied 22nd came in 1990 at St Andrews.

Spence said: "I decided to enter because I just wanted to give it a crack again. I have been playing a bit of socially and talking about it, but I wanted to challenge myself again. I would love to play at St Andrews again. My qualify-

ing round went well and now I've just got final qualifying to deal with, it's a shoot-out really, but I have come through and won it before."

London Club amateur Titlow was the highest placed finisher out of the group of nine to progress through the regional stage following a fine round of 65. Fellow amateurs Adcock and Godwin are also in form and are

eager to announce themselves on the scene.

Ford, Casey, Scotland and Bush have all appeared in final qualifying in the past and are aware of the challenges they face next week. Bush said: "I have played the competition a couple of times before and it's a bit of a lottery, but hopefully it will come good this year."

Haines passes French test with flying colours

NEWLY turned professional golfer Matt Haines increased his chances of earning a full European Tour card next season after coming close to winning the Saint Omer Open last week.

The 20-year-old, who turned pro last month, came within three shots of winning in France as he finished tied second in only his third appearance on the tour.

The Rochester golfer has been playing on the European Challenge Tour since he left the amateur game, and a solid performance in France last week showed he has the game to compete at a higher level.

He carded rounds of 70, 68, 72 and 69, which was enough to finish two shots behind eventual winner Martin Wiegele.

The result catapulted him into the top-five rankings on the European Challenge Tour and he is expected to move into the top-four when the latest rankings are released next week.

The move means he will be eligible to enter all events on the Challenge Tour and enhance his hopes of earning a full 2011 European Tour card.

He said: "I was very happy with how things went down there. I was always two or three shots behind Wiegele and I couldn't get any closer. As it turned out, I was only two back in the end so I could have maybe done it, but I'm not frustrated at that."

"I was a little bit surprised that I had finished second considering the way I played."

"I just need to keep doing what I'm doing, working hard and trying to win events. I hope that if I keep doing that, the result at the end of the year will be a European Tour card for 2011."

Haines, who was in European Challenge



IMPRESSIVE: Matt Haines enhanced his reputation with fine second at Saint Omer

Tour action at this week's Fred Olsen Challenge de Espana, was expected to play in Open Championship regional qualifying this week, but pulled out of the competition to focus on earning a European Tour card.

Mammoth effort to get links back on course

THE renaissance of one of the county's most renowned golf clubs continues to gather momentum as it prepares to host the first in a succession of prestigious events, *writes David Pritchard*.

A host of the best amateur golfers in the country will contest the Tillman Trophy next month in what will be the first big test of the changes made to the course at Royal Cinque Ports.

The club, perched next to the coast just along from Deal, is also due to stage final qualifying for next year's Open Championship, before the Carris Trophy in 2012 and the Amateur Championship a year later.

Hosting four events of such calibre in as many years marks a significant change in fortune. It is a long way from the picture in 2003, when the course hosted final qualifying for the last time The Open came to next door neighbours Royal St George's. There was a feeling among the committee the standards of the course, itself a former Open host, had slipped.

Ken Hannah, secretary at Royal Cinque Ports, said: "We weren't happy with the condition of the course, so we decided that we would take another look at the way we dealt with it. I think it had been a tough summer [in 2003] and there was just a general feeling that the quality of the playing surfaces weren't as it should be."

A decision was taken to prioritise the course, which saw the club recruit links specialist Gordon Irvine. The scale of the problem was summed up by the course consultant, who said on his arrival: "I thought I was coming to deal with a links course in trouble, but when I got here I found a parkland course in trouble."



COURSE WORK: Links experts worked tirelessly to repair Royal Cinque Ports

Over time the techniques of watering and fertilising had encouraged a type of meadow grass ill-suited to links courses. The mammoth task was to reverse the process and cultivate the links grass, starting with the all-important greens.

After years of painstaking work, they are now up to the standard expected from a course ranked inside the top 50 in the country.

Alongside the work done on the grasses there has also been a more orthodox programme of renovations. With technology allowing even moderate club players to hit the ball even longer, the fairway bunkers have been renovated or changed to make them a hazard once again.

Impressive championship tees have also been put in on the sea wall on the seventh and ninth holes, presenting a drive which is both picturesque and daunting.

The project will not be complete for some time, but will eventually lengthen the course by 400 yards on the 2003 edition. At more than 7,300 yards, it will ensure its championship status is retained.

Pictures: ADY KERRY



SWITCH? Gillingham striker Simeon Jackson, pictured in action against Norwich last season, is now a target of the Norfolk club

Help us to win promotion then cash in, urges new Gills boss

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

ANDY Hessenthaler has urged Simeon Jackson to follow Jermaine Beckford's example and see out the final year of his contract rather than move this summer.

Beckford turned down several contract offers at Leeds United last season, running down his contract before moving on a free transfer to Everton last month. In the process he scored 31 goals in all competitions, playing a key role in Leeds' promotion back to the Championship.

Jackson has long been linked with a move away from Priestfield, with some expecting the Gills to cash in on the 23-year-old this summer rather than risk him leaving for nothing in 12 months' time.

Backlash fears put paid to Dover friendly

GILLINGHAM'S scheduled trip to face Dover Athletic in a pre-season friendly at Crabble next month has been cancelled.

The two clubs were to meet at Crabble on July 24, but the shock departure of Dover boss Ian Hendon, after just 18 days in charge, to become former Whites manager Andy Hessenthaler's assistant at the Gills, has fuelled a rivalry amongst supporters.

Dover chairman Jim Parmenter told Kent on Sunday last week



(pictured) that the game would be reviewed following fears of a backlash from supporters in the wake of Hendon's surprise move to Gillingham, and a statement on the Dover website in the week confirmed the game has been cancelled.

Dover Athletic have replaced the fixture with a trip to face Ryman Premier League side Dulwich Hamlet, while Gillingham now face Bishop's Cleeve on Friday, July 23.

While admitting every player has their price, Hessenthaler would prefer another productive season from the Canada international to money in the bank.

He said: "I don't think we would stand in anyone's way if there was a chance to go on to bigger and better things.

"If he did a Jermaine Beckford [see out his contract and leave on a free] and got us the goals to get promoted and then walked away I wouldn't have a problem with it."

After a quiet start to the summer, speculation linking Jackson with a move to Norwich City spread quickly last weekend.

Jackson, who has scored 41 goals in 98

games for the club, has been the source of rumours ever since scoring a spectacular goal in the FA Cup against Aston Villa 18 months ago, but to date the Gills have always insisted they have never received a formal bid and Hessenthaler rejected reports of a £500,000 offer from Championship side Norwich this week.

The club have valued him at an optimistic £1.5 million in the past, but his value has certainly multiplied since arriving for £150,000 from Rushden and Diamonds on deadline day in January, 2008.

Hessenthaler admitted speculation for his top scorer was not unexpected, but believes



VERSATILE: Mark Bentley is staying Bentley will keep doing job for Gills

UTILITY man Mark Bentley has committed his future to Gillingham after finally putting pen to paper on a new one-year contract with the club.

The 32-year-old was out of contract this summer and negotiations have been delayed due to his holiday. Bentley signed his new deal on Monday, which includes a clause triggering an extra year once a specified number of appearances have been reached.

Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler was pleased to end the uncertainty and is keen to play Bentley in his more favoured position in midfield, rather than as a makeshift centre-half, where he regularly featured last season.

He said: "I regard him as very similar to what Mark Saunders used to do for Gillingham. Mark's very versatile, a proper winner and you know what you're going to get from him week in, week out.

"We're very happy he's signing and I think we'll benefit from it. He's played some good games at centre-half, but I'm looking at more of a midfield role for him."

Bentley has the most appearances for Gillingham in the squad, starting 141 league games since joining from Southend in 2006.

Jackson will line up with him in League Two this season.

He said: "As far as I'm concerned I will see him on July 1 for pre-season training to push on and get him fit for the campaign ahead. [The speculation] doesn't surprise me because he's quick and scores goals, there will always be interest in players like that.

"I've had a chat with him over the phone and he's committed to the club. But everybody has their price, I don't want to lose him but if it's right for both parties then so be it."

Fleet signings fear

WITH just three players contracted at Stonebridge Road, Ebbsfleet United could be set for another "very bad start" to the football season, according to new chairman Phil Sonsara.

Having replaced Duncan Holt last week, Sonsara admits the club face the same conundrum as 12 months ago, when manager Liam Daish was faced with the mountainous task of building a squad virtually from scratch.

Daish, whose new contract has still yet to be signed, is set to retain only a handful of last season's squad, with the Blue Square Bet South season now less than seven weeks away.

However, the manager has now secured the services of Michael West and Scott Ginty for another season, as well as bringing in former Woking and AFC Wimbledon defender Paul Lorraine.

Sonsara said: "We have put intense pressure on Liam Daish as a football manager to put together a team in virtually no time.

"We're in the same situation as this time last season and we may make a very bad start to the season again.

"Whatever happens this season, I don't want us to be in the same situation this time next year. We've got to be ahead of the game, with at least half-a-dozen players signed up so we've got the bones of a team going forward."



TOUGH TASK: Liam Daish

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For those who can't – why not coach?



VIRTUALLY all football coaches have one thing in common – they first played the game themselves – but one 28-year-old in Canterbury is working to break down the stereotype.

As a player, Rod Udberg never made it past the Whitely Bay youth sides and his attention quickly turned to coaching. In 2006, aged 24, he became one of the youngest people to achieve the respected UEFA 'A' Licence.

His classmates on the course included Roy Keane and Peter Beardsley, while his room-mate was Ricki Herbert, who has spent the last three weeks at the World Cup as New Zealand's head coach.

"In this country there has been a stigma attached to coaches that haven't played," he said. "I can understand why, but it doesn't mean they aren't going to be a fantastic coach.

"A lot of great film directors were never great actors, but they know what they want to create and can direct the people to do what they want to do. To me that's no different from the role of a coach."

Udberg, who played for Faversham Town, Sittingbourne and Ashford Town, is now employed by Chelsea to run a two-year BTEC



NO BARRIER: Rod Udberg says you don't need to have played at a high level to be a good coach

course for teenagers at the Elite Boys' Academy in Canterbury, which combines coaching and training with academic study.

Southall returns to Gills as coach

NICKY Southall says returning to Gillingham for a fourth spell at the club as a player/coach is like a "dream come true".

The 38-year-old is expected to sign a deal at the club next week which makes him the fourth member of staff to leave Conference South side Dover Athletic for the Gills inside a month.

Southall, who spent last season at Dover under the management of new Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler, clocked up more than 300 appearances at Priestfield and was a fans' favourite during his time at Gillingham.

He said: "The club is close to my heart as I spent nine years there and it's great to be back. I've done coaching badges, so I'm ready to go."

"It's going to be a big job next season. When a team get relegated they often start the following season slowly, so we have to stop that and try and get the passion back at the club."

Hessenthaler said: "He hasn't had lot of coaching experience, but has got his 'A' licence and everyone has got to start somewhere. We will register him as a player so we can use him if needed, but his priority will be to coach."



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KENT CHIEF'S FEAR OVER t20



EMPTY SEATS:
A poor crowd
at t20 match at
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Picture: ADY KERRY

Small crowds reignite finance issues

By **GLENN PEARSON**

A DROP in attendance during this summer's Friends Provident t20 campaign has Kent bosses fearful about its effect on the club's perilous financial state.

Gates around the country are lower than last year and Kent too are beginning to feel the pinch after hosting two poorly attended t20 fixtures at Canterbury and Beckenham in the past few weeks.

In an interview with this newspaper in April, Kent chairman George Kennedy claimed the county's finances were "looking good" and in "far better nick than last year", but a lower than forecast take up for this summer's t20 has really hit the cash-strapped club.

Losses

Attendance for the t20 game at Tunbridge Wells pulled in a crowd of 5,000, but since then Canterbury and Beckenham have reported figures of about 2,500.

Those green shoots of recovery after a financial year in which Kent reported losses of £802,000, appear to have been uprooted and Kennedy is now fearful about the impact the sudden show of apathy



WORRIED: George Kennedy says the number of t20 games outweigh demand towards t20 will have on next year's results.

"I was encouraged with things before the t20 started," he said. "The t20 has not been good, if you look around the country gates are down quite substantially and that is going to hit us quite severely and we are quite concerned about that."

"That's aligned to our performance on the field, it hasn't exactly been sterling has it? If we can pick up in the next few games and get up towards the top four then that would help."

Kennedy has voiced his concerns in the past about counties playing too much 20-over cricket and warns something needs to change if the situation doesn't improve.

He said: "I think there has been a degree of overkill and we have crammed too much

in at one time, and having several games in a short space of time is very difficult.

"I genuinely understand how difficult it is for the fans to come along and put their hands in their pockets so many times, so I personally would like to see it spread a little more evenly. Perhaps fewer matches might be the answer."

While the club's brittle financial state has meant the county have been unable to bring in reinforcements for their threadbare squad this summer, it's likely to have a greater impact on the playing budget next season.

While declining to say if there would be a budget to help add numbers to the playing squad for next season, Kennedy did hint the club would have to rely on bringing more players through in future.

"We'll certainly look at the playing squad very carefully, but remember most of the key players are signed up on long-term contracts," he said. "There's no point having an academy and a young squad if you are going to keep going out and buying players and never give them the chance."

"Numerically it is pretty good just now, I don't really have any problems with that. It's just a case of who is available and at what sort of prices, but it's unlikely we will go out and sign any of the massive names for a small fortune for a few years, because we just can't afford that."

Corry going back to his rugby roots

FORMER England captain Martin Corry will this summer return to the Kent club where he spent a decade as a youngster, with a view to becoming their coaching consultant, writes Steve Tervet.

The 36-year-old World Cup winner will join Tunbridge Wells for a series of pre-season training sessions, hoping to inspire the players ahead of a challenging season in London 1 South.

Corry, who skipped his country from 2005 to 2007, has agreed initially to work along-

side the club's coaches for summer training, although the arrangement may extend throughout the season.

"It's not rocket science," he told Kent on Sunday. "I'm not going to bring anything new, I'll just be a different voice because the players have to listen to the coaches all season."

"Rugby is exactly the same whether you're playing in the Premiership or London 1."

"It's going to be a very big year for them this year because obviously their local

rivals [Tonbridge Juddians] have come up, which makes it interesting."

Birmingham-born Corry attended Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys when his family moved to Kent and he spent 10 years at the rugby club, working his way through the junior teams.

Wells chairman Roger Clarke said: "We've secured [Martin] for a number of sessions before the season. He may take on the role of coaching consultant, to motivate and inspire people to get them up a level."



COACHING ROLE: Martin Corry